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Minutes of the
Evangelical Memorial Lutheran
Church
of
Astoria, Oregon.

Organization Meeting.

A mass meeting of Lutherans was held at the German Lutheran Church at 3 O'clock Sunday afternoon, May the 4th 1908, for the purpose of organizing an English Lutheran Church. About 20 were present.

The meeting was opened by the singing of No 195 from the Hymnal, and scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist.

Mr. John Hahn was then elected secretary pro temp.

A motion was made and seconded that an English Lutheran Church be organized to which all present responded in the affirmative.

The Constitution adopted by the Augustana Synod of the General Council was read discussed and adopted article by article and finally laid on the table until next meeting when it shall be adopted as a whole.

In the matter of selecting a name for the Church two were sugested namely, The Church of the Good Shepherd", and The Memorial Church, It was finally decided to leave it with the pastor who should see the different members to be, and ascertain their choice.

~~It was moved and seconded that the Pastor appoint Incorporators.~~

It was also resolved that the Church be incorporated under the laws of the State of Oregon and that the pastor appoint Incorporators.

The following were appointed as such, Asmus Brix, John Hahn, Gramms, Matt Nyland, Charles Sanders, and Paul Kreatsch.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet on wednesday evening May 13th at 7:30 O'clock

The meeting closed with prayer by the Pastor

John Hahn,

secretary Pro Temp.

Minutes of the business meeting held by the Am. Ev. Luth. Memorial Church May 13th, 1908,

Rev. Rydquist opened the meeting with Scripture Reading and Prayer, after which Mr. John Hahn was elected secretary pro temp and Rev. Rydquist Chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on motion adopted and approved.

A list of the Charter members, about 50 in number, was read, and by a unanimous vote it was desided that the following should constitute and be known as Charter members of the Memorial Lutheran Church:-

On Motion the Constitution was taken up and read and was finally adoptd as a whole, said Constitution as ammended and adopted reads as follows:-

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On Motion the Board of Directors (Deacons and Trustees) were authorized to make such improvements and alterations to the Church property as they in thier judgement thought necessary providing such improvements and alterations ~~could~~ can be done without taxing the members of the Congregation, and no claimes filed against same for work done.

It was moved and carried that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballots of the members present for the Incorporators to serve as Deacons and Trustees until the next business meeting of the Congregation when regular officers shall be elected.

The secretary complied with the above motion and the Incorporators were elected Deacons and Trustees.

Itwas also moved and carried that the Aid Society be asked to furnish money for the Incorporation expenses, and also for new Church Records.

On motion the meeting was adjourned to convene again at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday in June, 1908.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Chairman,

Respectfully

John Hahn,

Secretary pro temp.

Minutes of the business meeting held by the American Ev. Luth. Memorial Ch. the 3:d of June 1908.

The meeting was ~~opened~~ called to order by the pastor and opened by the singing of Hymn 158 and prayer by the pastor. Mr. John Hahn was elected secretary pro temp The object of the meeting was to complete the organization of the church

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following business was transacted:-

1. It was moved and carried that the Memorial Church asks to admitted into full communion with Columbia Conference, and that this petition be sent to the proper authorities, and request made that it be acted upon at the next annual convention of the Conference;

2.It was also moved and carried that the Board of directors be authorized to call the Rev.Gustaf E.Rydquist as pastor of the Church,and that the question of salary be adjusted by that same Board;

3.It was also moved and carried that the present officers serve in the capacity of Deacons and Trustees until the next annual meeting by the Congregation.

On motion the Congregation adjourned sine die and the Chairman closed with prayer and the benediction.

Respectfully

John Hahn,

Secretary pro temp.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

ASTORIA OREGON. JANUARY 13, 1909.

The meeting opened by Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist as Chairman. On motion of Asmus Brix, and seconded by Mr. Verschueren, Gustaf A. Hemple was elected as Secretary Pro-Tem.

On motion of Gustaf A. Hemple and seconded by MR. Verschueren, John Hahn was elected as Secretary for the year.

Hymn number 192 was next sung, after which the 85th Psalm of David was read. Prayer by the Chairman, Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist.

The following report of the Pastor was read:-

Bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; even every one that is called by my name; for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. Is. 4 3: 6.7.

This is our first annual meeting as a congregation, and my first pastoral report to you, and the first pastoral report you receive. Many things crowd themselves into my mind as I write these lines. What shall I say to you that will touch your hearts and feelings for the great work that is before us? I have been your regular Pastor but three (3) months during this time I have had some work to do in closing my relarions with the Swedish Lutheran Church in Uppertown, the Holidays coming on, and lastly the moving into our present home. There has therefore been very little time in which to do more active work for the Church. I rejoice however with you over the splendid beginning which has been made, with comparitive little effort. What may not the results be with greater effort? We have to begin the year with, 63 members enrolled on our Church Records; the Sunday School has an enrollment of about 75, with 6 competent teachers; the members of our Ladies Aid Society number 23, and the Alpha Society of Young people number about 12. This is the beginning of one of the most important undertakings in Church work in our community. We have an immense field for our Church, a field that no other Church has. This field is open to us, is ready for us. The future lies before us brilliant with results, and God is waiting to bless every effort put forth in the cause of his kingdom. But how are we to accomplish these great results and the very best results? I would like to lay down a few rules from the beginning which, if followed, will invariably bring success. We must be a band of workers all of us. From the least to the greatest, from the youngest to the oldest member in the Congregation every one should be a worker, every

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one should do something definite for the Church. Secondly we must work in harmony. It will not do for the Pastor to work in one direction and the members or a single member in another. You must know that the Pastor is interested in the welfare of the Church, that all his efforts are for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God, that it is his life work and that he has made a special study of the work; so th at every member must work with him if results are to be accomplished.

The Board of Deacons must be the Pastor's right arm. This Board is called the Church Council. The Pastor is the leader of the Church and the executive of its decisions and Constitution, and has the responsibility of the work. It often lies heavy upon his shoulders, and his Council should ever be ready to assist him, advise him, and strengthen him in his work. Let therefore the office of the Pastor be held sacred, even though he as an individual should make mistakes, for he is not infallible, and let the Church Council stand as the executive and desciplinary power in the Church and be respected as such. If we thus stand well organized and desciplined we shall be able to accomplish much greater results. I am sure every one of us will do all in our power to further the work before us. Let us say one for all and all for one, in making the Memorial Lutheran Church the largest and best organized Church in Astoria before our next annual meeting. There is no need for any one to be discouraged. If there is any one discouraged, come to me. If you hear of any Juniper-tree Christian in our flock send him to me. If you hear any owl hooting on the ramparts of Zion chase it to the woods. This is the Lords work, not ours. We are his people, made for his glory, and our work shall be his also.

The work that especially lies before us to do, is first and last the increase and the growth of our membership. No one that is willing to help us should be excluded. Let us make use of all the material available, and let us welcome all that will conform to our Constituition and regulations as members of our Church.

We must also have a Church home by our next annual meeting. At the business meeting of May 13th,1908. it was decided " that the Board of Directors be authorized to make such improvements and alterations to the Church property as they in their judgement thought necessary, providing such improvements and alterations can be done without taxing the members of the Congregation, and no claims filed against the same for the work done". This decision stands for the present year also and will be carried out as soon as found practicable. The Pastor is solicitor and has the

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raising of the necessaty funds in charge. The Board of Directors have decided that as soon as $2.000.00 can be raised, we will start work on the new Church building. Any suggestions at this meeting will be gladly received. The Ladies Aid Society will furnish the new Church. Several children are working for memorial windows. Every little effort helps, and by our united efforts there is sure to be results.

I will close my Pastoral report with the usual figures of Pastoral work. I have married nine (9) couples during these three (3) months that I have served as Pastor of this Church, officiated at two (2) funerals and one babtism.

And now let us not forget that we are engaged in the Lord's work, to save the Lutheran people for the Lutheran faith in the language of our own beloved country, and let us call upon the Lord to bless our efforts and crown our work with success.

"The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge, Selah".

Astoria Oregon. January 13,1909. Gustaf E. Rydquist

Pastor.

On motion of Asmus Brix the report was accepted, and ordered turned over to the Secretary. The election of Deacons and Trustees being next in order the following were elected for the respective terms opposite their names:- As Deacons, Asmus Brix and John Hahn, three (3) years; Gustaf A. Hemple and Mat Nyland, two (2) years; Herman F. Kempe and John Johnson, one (1) year. On motion of Asmus Brix duly seconded the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above, which was duly done, and they were then declared elected.

As Trustees the following were nominated for the respective terms opposite their names. Paul Kreaetch and Charles Verschueren, three (3) years; Asmus Brix and Peter Johnson, two (2) years; Fritz Voss and Christ Gramms one (1) year. On motion of Paul Kreaetch duly seconded the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above nominees, which was duly done, and they were thereupon declared elected.

As Janitor for the year, Peter Johnson was declared elected. Motion of Paul Kreaetch was made and passed to extend a vote of thanks to Peter Johnson for his past services as janitor.

Motion of Gustaf A. Hemple that as salary for the Janitor a subscription be taken up some time during the year . Motion carried.

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Miss Esther Nyland was declared elected as organist for the year.

On motion of Paul Kreutzer the salary of the organist was left to the Alpha Society, to take such action as they deem fit. Motion passed.

On motion of Asmus Brix duly seconded, a motion was passed to ask the Conference to excuse this Congregation from sending a delegate to the Convention to be held at Vancouver B.C.

Motion made and carried that the Conference set the salary of the Pastor the Treasurer of the Congregation furnishing such data that will help them in so deciding.

On motion of Gustaf A. Hemple and seconded by Asmus Brix a building fund was ordered started, the Pastor appointed Solicitor, and that the building of a new-church be left to the Board of Deacons and Trustees.

Motion made and passed to adjourn.

Gustaf A. Hemple

Secretary Pro-Tem

CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS according to the word of God everything in the Church of Christ ought to be done decently and in order, therefore has the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America adopted the following Constitution for its Congregations, and recommends that they adopt the same as individual organizations and be governed by it.

CONSTITUTION for the Evangelical Lutheran Memorial Congregation located at Astoria Oregon.

WHEREAS according to the word of God (1 Cor. 14: 40; Col. 2: 5) everything in the Church of Christ ought to be done decently and in order therefore have we, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Memorial Congregation of Astoria Oregon adopted the following Constitution, and bind ourselves before God and each other to be ruled and governed by the same.

ARTICLE 1
Name of Congregation.

PARAGRAPH 1. The right and legal name of this congregation is "The American Evangelical Lutheran Memorial Church of Astoria Oregon"

PARAGRAPH 2. This name cannot be changed except in conformance with the laws of the State of Oregon, and this Constitution.

ARTICLE 2.
Of Doctrine.

PARAGRAPH 1. As a Christian Church in general and as an Evangelical Lutheran in particular, this Congregation acknowledges that Holy Scripture as God's Revealed Word is the only true and infallible Rule and Guide for faith and life, as members thereof we also acknowledge and except the three oldest Symbols (The Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Confessions), as well as the unaltered Augsburg Confession (Confessio Augustana) understood in accordance with the other symbolic books of the Lutheran Church as a true summary of the principal doctrines and teachings of Christianity.

PARAGRAPH 2. All books used at public or private worship and devotion as well as for instruction for the young, shall be doctrinally pure and in accordance with paragraph one of this article.

ARTICLE 3.
Of the Pastor.

PARAGRAPH 1. The Pastor of this Congregation shall be duly called and ordained to the sacred office of the ministry and shall be a member of the Lutheran Synod to which this Congregation belongs.

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PARAGRAPH 2. The Pastor shall preach the Word of God and administer the Holy Sacraments according to the confessions of the Lutheran Church and this Congregation (see article 2); he shall be an upright and earnest Christian lead a godly and exemplary life; he shall visit the sick and the needy; he shall supervise the instruction of the young in the Christian religion; and he shall both publicly and privately comfort, admonish and warn his people as the word of God declares (1Tim.2).

PARAGRAPH 3. The Pastor shall, as soon as convenient, be publicaly inducted into his office by the President of the Conference and his assistants. At this installation he shall bind himself to preach and to teach both publicly and privately in accordance with the confessions of the Church.

PARAGRAPH 4. He shall carefully and correctly keep and preserve the books and the records of the Church, such as "The Church Record", "Record of Babtisms", "Record of Confirmations", "Record of Marriages", and "Record of Deaths".

PARAGRAPH 5. He shall be ex-officio Chairman of all business meetings of the Congregation, in the Board of Directors, and in the Church Council, and of any and all organizations within the Congregation.

PARAGRAPH 6. The Pastor cannot be accused of any misdemeanor either privately or publicly except in the following manner:- Any charge against the pastor shall be made in writing, signed by the accusing party, and countersigned by two witnesses; one copy of the charges shall be sent to the pastor and one to the President of the Conference, who shall investigate the matter and see to it that it be brought before the Conference, which alone has disciplinary power over its ministers.

PARAGRAPH 7. When the Pastor expects to accept a call to another Congregation or otherwise intends to leave he shall present his resignation to the Church Council in writing, at least three months before leaving; the Church Council shall refer the matter to the Congregation who shall act upon the resignation

ARTICLE 4.
Board of Directors.

PARAGRAPH 1. The Pastor of the Congregation together with the Deacons and Trustees, shall constitute the Board of Directors and shall be called together by the Pastor when found necessary.

PARAGRAPH 2. The number of Deacons shall not be less than three(3) nor more than nine (9), elected in such a manner that two-thirds (2/3) remain and one-third (1/3) are elected annually.

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PARAGRAPH 3. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three (3), nor more than nine (9), elected in such a manner that two-thirds (2/3) remain and one-third (1/3) are elected annualy. These shall qualify to their office according to the laws of the State.

PARAGRAPH 4. Only such can be elected to the office of Deacons and Trustees as have a clear reputation of being upright and earnest Christians and faithful to the Confessions of the Lutheran Church.

PARAGRAPH 5. Both Deacons and Trustees shall if possible be publicly installed in their respective offices according to the ritual of the Congregation.

PARAGRAPH 6. The board of Directors shall see to it, that the Pastor receives his salary and support according to God's word, and to act upon such matters as do not belong specifically to the Board of Deacons or Trustees.

PARAGRAPH 7. The Board of Directors shall see to it, that everything in the Congregation is done decently and in order.

PARAGRAPH 8. Should any Deacon or Trustee be found guilty of Misdemeanor or fail to do his duty as an officer in the Congregation he shall be admonished by the Church Council.Should this not have the desired effect the Church Council shall have the power to suspend such a person untill the annual meeting of the Congregation,when the matter shall be taken up for action,and if the person in question be found guilty of the charges preferred he shall be removed from office and his successor elected.

Paragraph 9, In case of vacancy in the Board of Deacons or Trustees the Board of Directors shall have the power to elect any member of the Congregation in good standing to fill such a vacancy untill the next annual meeting of the Congregation.

ARTICLE V
THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

Paragraph 1. The Pastor and the Deacons of the Congregation shall constitute the Church Council.When the Congregation is vacant or in the absence of the Pastor the Church Council shall elect one of their own number as Chairman pro temp.

Paragraph 2. The Church Council shall elect a secretary annually,who shall keep a correct record of all discussions and decissions of the Council.

Paragraph 3. The Church Council shall be convened on the call of the Pastor when found expedient and necessary,or when (2/3) of the members desire it. If Congregation is vacant the secretary shall call the Church Council together upon the request of the same number.

Paragraph 4. For a quorum two thirds of all the members must be present.

No business can be transacted in the absence of the Pastor without his authority and consent, unless the Congregation is vacant.

PARAGRAPH 5. As members of the Church Council the Deacons shall both in public and privatly lead Christian lives, and in general seek to promote true Christian principals.

PARAGRAPH 6. The Church Council shall also constitute the Board of Education of the Congregation, and see to it that the children and the young are properly educated and instructed in the Christian religion, and that schools for this purpose be established.

PARAGRAPH 7. The Church Council shall also work for the interests of the missions, and may for that purpose appoint a treasurer for the mission funds, who shall however report to the Board of Trustees.

PARAGRAPH 8. The Church Council shall also constitute a Board of Charities and as such it shall be their duty to see to it that help and Christian mercy be extended to the sick, the poor, to widows and orphans, and to those generaly needy both within and without the Congregation.

PARAGRAPH 9. Should any member of this Congregation neglect the same, misrepresent or appose its tenents, doctrines, teachings and faith, fall into sin (such as drunkness, adultry, profanity, slander, etc,) and unbelief, become a member of any organization or society, secret or otherwise which apposes this Congregation and the general tenents and principals of Christianity, or undertakes anything which may cause general offense, it shall be the duty of the Church Council to execute necessary decipline, (see Math. 18: 15-18; 1 Cor. 5; EF. 5: 11,12.)

(1 In case descipline is necessary the words of the Savior should especially beremembered, recorded in the 18th Chapter of St. Mathew,15-19.

(2 In a case of descipline the Pastor shall inform the person to be desciplined in writing and call him (her) before the Church Council at last three (3) days before he (she) is to appear. In case the person to be desciplined does not appear the case shall nevertheless be taken up and acted upon.

3) When witnesses are necessary the Church Council shall have the power to require the following oath from the member of the Congregation: " Dost thou testify before God, that as a witness in this case (the case to be here stated) thou wilt tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"? If civil oath is necessary a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public may be asked to be present and administer such an oath.

(4) If the person in question is found guilty of the charges prefered, he (she) shall be suspended or excommunicated as the case may require. An excommunicated person loses all rights and claims to the property of the Congregation.

(5) The desciplined person shall be informed in writing of the action of the Church Council as soon as possible.

(6) If a desciplined person is dissatisfied with the action of the Church Council he (she) may refer the case to the Congregation. In case of such appeal he (she) must present the case to the Church Council at least thirty (30) days after its desciplinary action, the decision of the Conference in the case is final.

(7) The Church Council shall also receive into full membership of the Congregation every such suspended or excommunicated person, who sincerely repents and asks to be reinstated.

(8) If necessary the Church Council may hold its meetings within closed doors, and while discussing and deciding desciplinary cases no one but the members of the Council shall be present.

(9) The Pastor of the Congregation has a right to temporary suspend and deny Holy Communion to such persons, who live unworthy of the Gosple of Jesus Christ. Any one dissatisfied with his action may appeal to the Church Council.

ARTICLE 6.
The Board of Trustees.

PARAGRAPH 1. The Trustees shall meet and organize within ten (10) days after the annual meeting of the Congregation, when President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be elected for the year.

PARACRAPH 2. The Trustees shall keep and preserve all the property of the Congregation for its use, as well as all documents and other papers of valu

PARAGRAPH 3. The Trustees shall not have the power to buy, sell, rent, or mortgage any property belonging to the Congregation unless duly authorized to do so at a previous business meeting of the Congregation.

PARAGRAPH 4. The Trustees shall not have the power to exclude the Pastor from his pulpit, nor the Congregation from its Church, or in any other way obstruct the Pastor in the preforming of his duties.

PARAGRAPH 5. It shall also be their duty to keep a correct inventory of all the property and belongings of the Congregation, to see to it that the Church and other buildings thereof are preserved, and for this purpose they have a right to use the sum of, not exceeding fifty (50) dollars

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annually beyond the regular expenses of the Church, to keep and preserve all other property belonging to the Congregation, to to receive and account for all incomes.

PARAGRAPH 6. The Trustees shall individually and collectively be responsibl before the Congregation for all moneys and property belonging to it. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all income and disbursements, and produce same at any meeting of the Board of Trustees when so desired by any member thereof. Before the annual meeting of the Congregation he shall have his financial statement prepared and revised, and present same at said meeting.

ARTICLE 7.
Membership.

PARAGRAPH 1.Of reception of members:- Children and unbaptized older persons are received into the Congregation by Holy Baptism according to the ritual of the Lutheran Church. Before being admitted to their first Communion the young must especially be instructed in the principals of Christianity at which instruction the Bible and Luther's smaller Catechism shall be used, whereupon they shall be admitted to the rites of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Older persons who have not been baptized, must likewise be instructed before their baptism, and their lives and knowledge of Christianity be approved. To them Babtism is also Confirmation.

(2) When a person who has been baptized and confirmed, wishes to join this Congregation he (she) shall make it known to the Pastor, who shall bring the applieation before the Church Council to act upon it. No person, who is known to lead an ungodly life, or who belongs to any organization or society, secret or otherwise, opposed to this Congregation and the general tenents and principals of Christianity, shall be admitted as a member to this Congregation. When the Church Council shall have acted favorably upon an application for membership the applicant shall be received into the Congregation according to the ritual for reception of members. Any person holding recommendation or letter of dismissal from another EV. Luth. Congregation is publicly declared received as a member by the Pastor upon presentation of the same.

(3) Non-Confirmed persons, who have believed in Christian Doctrine, are received by confirmation and other established formula.

PARAGRAPH 2. Duties of Members:- They should live as becometh Christians and associate with one another in brotherly love, humility and peace,

ever be ready to advise, comfort and encourage one another; they should work in unity and harmony for the welfare and the upbuilding of the Congregation; use the word of God for private devotion; keep the Sabbath Day holy; attend public worship and other meetings of the congregation; have their children baptized by the Pastor of the Church, and teach them by precept and example to fear God; and often commune at the Lord's Table that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the upbuilding of his kingdom, and to the glory and honor of His most holy Name.

(2) It shall be the duty of every member of this Congregation to come before the Church Council whenever required to do so, and for every one to conform to the order and descipline of the Congregation.

(3) It is the dut of every member and especially of parents and guardians to teach the children and the young the precepts of Christianity, and to see to it that they are sent to the schools of this Congregation for their Christian instruction.

(4) It is also the duty of every member of this Congregation to contribute towards the support thereof, as well as towards the support of the Pastor. This contribution shall not be less than ~~three (3)~~ one 50/100 ($1.50) dollars per year for each ~~single~~ communicant, ~~and not less than five (5) dollars per year for man and wife~~, paid monthly or quarterly. and if any member is unable to pay this amount they must apply to the Board of Directors for an excuse. It is also the duty of every member to contribute toward the missions and the institution of the Church body to which this Congregation belongs.

(5) If any member should neglect these duties the Church Council shall admonish such a one. It is especially ordered that, if any one after suhh an admonish shall continue to neglect the public worship of the Congregation or neglect the specified duties toward his (her) children, such a one cannot remain a member of this Congregation, but his (her) name shall be stricken from the Church Roll and the Congregation notified of the fact. Such a person shall have no right or claim to the property of this Congregati

ARTICLE 8.
Business Meetings.

PARAGRAPH 1. All business meetings shall be announced by the Pastor, or, if the Congregation is vacant, by the Secretary of the Church Council. Such an announcement must be made at least ten (10) days before the time set for the business meeting, and if it is to be an extra business meeting the questions to come before the meeting must also be enumerated and explained.

PARAGRAPH 2. Extra business meetings shall be called when ever the Pastor

finds it necessary, or when a majority of the Deacons or Trustees, or when seven (7) voting members of the Congregation require it, providing that such a desire be presented to the Pastor in writing at least eight (8) days before the announcement is to be made together with the questions to come before such a meeting.

PARAGRAPH 3. The annual business meeting of this Congregation shall be held on the 2nd Wednsday of January of each year when reports shall be presented by the Church Council and the Treasurer of the Congregation, also from all other organizations within the Congregation. There shall also be elected Deacons, Trustees and delegates to conventions etc., and all other matters of a business nature shall be presented and acted upon.

PARAGRAPH 4. All those shall have a right to vote at the business meetings of this Congregation who have been confirmed and have reached the age of eighteen (18) years and who are members of this Congregation, and are not under descipline before the Church Council for violating this Constitution.

PARAGRAPH 5. The majority of all votes cast shall be deciding when not otherwise ordered. The vote of the Chairman is deciding in case of a tie.

PARAGRAPH 6. When a question has been decided at a general business meeting it cannot come up again for action unless five (5) members who voted with the majority at the previous decision so desire.

PARAGRAPH 7. The minutes of the business meetings of the Congregation shall be read and approved.

PARAGRAPH 8. All business meetings of this Congregation shall begin and close with prayer.

ARTICLE 9.
Elections.

PARAGRAPH 1. All elections shall if possible be held at the annual business meeting of the Congregation. Deacons and Trustees shall be elected by ballot. Other elections may be carried on in the same manner providing it is so ordered by the Congregation.

PARAGRAPH 2. In case of a vacancy the Church Council shall if necessary invite an Evangelical Lutheran Minister or Theological Student to preach with the intention that the said Pastor or Student shall be a candidate for election. The Church Council shall also announce an extra business meeting by the Congregation on two (2) consecutive Sundays for the purpose of electing a Pastor. At such an election the Church Roll shall be called and every voting member will respond to his (her) name, voting for or against the candidate.

if said candidate receives two-thirds (2/3) of all the votes cast he is elected. The Congregation shall also at the same meeting decide the Pastor's salary and grant other privilliges. The minutes of such an election shall be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the meeting and sent to the Church Council, who will make out the call in accordance with it and forward same to the Minister elected together with the minutes undersigned by the Chairman and Secretary. If the candidate should not receive the required number of votes or if he fails to accept the call within sixty (60) days the Congregation shall proceed to elect another. If necessary the Church Council may ask the Congregation whom to invite to preach trial sermons. And in case of vacancy it is always expedient for the Congregation to turn to the President of the Conference for his opinion and advice in regard to suitable candidates.

PARAGRAPH 3. If the Congregation is connected with other Congregations forming a Pastorate the Church Councils of the different Congregations shall meet and decide upon a candidate, and the election proceeds in the usual manner in the different Congregations. Two-thirds (2/3) of all votes cast in the Pastorate shall be necessary for election, and also a majority of all the votes cast in any of the Congregations of the Pastorate.

PARAGRAPH 4. If the Pastor of the Church need s a helper such a one shall be called at a business meeting of the Congregation. When the Church Council finds that such a helper is no longer needed in the work it shall refer the matter to the Congregation, who shall decide in the matter. The Church Council shall thereupon inform the person in question of the decision of the Congregation. He shall however have the right to remain in the service of the Congregation three (3) months after such information.

ARTICLE 10.
Appeals

In case trouble and discord should arise in this Congregation (which God forbid) and a settlement impossible within the Congregation, the party or parties concerned may appeal to the Conference. Its decision in the matter is conclusive.

ARTICLE 11.
Ownership.

In case of a schism or breach of unity in this Congregation (which God forbid) all real and personal property of this Congregation shall remain with those who are faithful to this Constitution and to the Synod to which this Congregation belonged before such a schism took place. And in case this Congregation is desolved, all property thereof shall fall to the

Board of Missions of the Augustana Synod.

ARTICLE 12.
Conclusion.

PARAGRAPH 1. Changes and amendments to this Constitution can be made at any annual business meeting of this Congregation by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the votes cast. The changes and amendments thus voted upon shall be sent to the Synod for approval and be finally adopted by the Congregation at the following annual meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

PARAGRAPH 2. It is especially ordered, however, that ARTICLES 2. 11. 12, and PARAGRAPHS land 2 of ARTICLE 3, never can be changed.

PARAGRAPH 3. This Congregation shall have power to adopt any resolutions or amendments that are not contrary to this Constitution.

THE GRACE AND PEACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH THIS CONGREGATION NOW AND ALWAY. AMEN.

Victoria June 17th 1910.

Meeting of the board of Directors of the Memorial Lutheran Church.

The members of the board met at a meeting on this day as previously agreed upon.

The following were noted present - Mr. Rykard, Mr. Frank Swanson & Mr. John Johnson. Also the officiating Pastor Rev. Mr. Mellander.

The Secretary Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order, stating that as the Treasurer, Mr. Swanson of the board had been called to another field of labor it was necessary to fill the vacancy by electing another chairman.

Mr. Rykard was nominated to fill the position and there being no other nominations, he was unanimously elected to fill the vacant position.

As the Church building had proved inadequate to afford seating room for the ever increasing attendance of our Sunday-School it was necessary to formulate some plans to enlarge the building in the near future.

After review the Rykard was elected a committee of one to draw up such a plan and to furnish an estimate of the probable cost of remodeling & enlarging the building.

After the order, that could be given being exhausted certain sums of money, and a list of the subscriptions being read, the officiating Pastor Mr. Mellander volunteered to pay and collect the same.

It was also suggested to request the members of the Church to donate such sums as they were able to give.

Mr. Rykard stated that it would require about $800.00 to change the building by adding about 10 feet to the length and moving it back about 10 feet and raising it enough to enable us to have a basement underneath, furnish new furnace and water in building and to change the seats so as to present a more modern appearance.

The further business relating the meeting appears on subject to the call of the president.

John Johnson
Secy.

Olivia June 27th 1910.

The board of directors held a meeting this date at the request of the President.

The meeting was called to order by the President Mr. Kempe.

The following were in attendance, Rev. Schlander, Kempe, Wyland, Bric, Johnson, John Hahn.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wyland reported as follows = The excavation for basement addition to church, raising tower, and remodeling as per plans submitted, would cost about $1100.00

Mr. Schlander stated that he had collected $125.00 in cash and had the promise of several hundred more.

The board agreed that as soon as there was $800 in sight and same could be depended on Mr. Wyland should go ahead & let the contracts at the best terms & figures obtainable.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned.

John Hahn. Secy.

Olivia Oct. 12th 1910.

The board of directors held a meeting on above date at the call of the President.

The following were present, Rev. Schlander, Kempe, Wyland Johnson, Bric, Gerhardson and Kraetke.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wyland stated that the work of remodeling the Church building was advancing satisfactory and would be completed in a short time. It was agreed to defer painting the building on the outside during the remainder and until next summer when the weather would be more favorable.

Upon request the Treas. Mr. Bric stated that there was at present $822.55 in Treas. available for building purposes.

Rev. Schlander stated that as soon as more money could be collected he would be glad to pay bills when they become due.

After agreeing to meet some time on the new pastor's arrival at the call of the President and made some provision to pay all bills when they become due.

The meeting adjourned.

John Hahn
Secy.

Astoria Ore., 20th 1910.

The directors held a meeting on the evening of the 20th. The following were present: Rev. J. Alexander, Rev. Pres. A. Ziegenhorn, Mr. Gabel, Kreitz and John Hahn.

The minutes of the meeting were dispensed with.

The President stated that in view of the church building about finished, the directors should devise ways to be able to pay the bills when they became due.

The Treasurer stating that it would require about $200.00 and that what had been collected to meet the outstanding bills.

Rev. A. Brig Kindley offered to loan the church the amount of $200.00. The President & Secy were instructed to draw up the papers below and to include this amount of $200.00 with the $500.00 the church owes the bank and Mrs. Margaret Jensen of $700.00 to secure the payment of this amount of $700.00.

As the lot and the original Church-building had never been legally transferred from the German Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church of Astoria, Oregon to the American Evangelical Lutheran Memorial Church. The President & Secy were instructed to have the proper papers prepared, and to kindly ask the board of the former German Lutheran Church to sign the same.

No further business appearing the meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. Alexander.

John Hahn. Secy.

Minutes taken by the Church Council of the Luth. Mem. Ev. [illegible] Church held on Sunday, [illegible] 10 - 1911.

The meeting was called to order by the President. The members present were Rudolph Bier & Adolf Tuchard, P. Johnson [illegible]

Prayer followed by singing of [illegible]

[illegible]

The further business appearing before the meeting a motion was made to adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

John Nelson
Secy.

Minutes taken at the annual meeting of the members of the Ev. Meth. Church of Oshawa, Sept. 1st 10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Sec. of the Church Council, and was opened with the reading of the Scriptures and prayer by pastor R. B. Shelander.

As the minutes of last year's meeting were not on record, the minutes of the various meetings of the Church Council held during the year were read and approved. There was read a report by Treasurer Parsons as to the financial condition of the Church which was discussed and accepted. There was read a report by Mrs. F. Smith relative to work done by the Mother's Union which showed same to be doing some very good and active work for the welfare of the church. Miss Nyland gave a short report of the work and finances of the Sunday School.

Rev. Shelander then gave a short address bearing upon church work and church finances and some very helpful hints to our new members, by all present and the epworth

of Trustees and that we be left during the ensuing year.

This followed the election of members of the Church Council.

R. L. Lambe and Walter Hulard were elected as deacons for the term of two years. Upon motion the nominations were closed and Mr. Bice was instructed to cast a ballot for the above mentioned nominees.

Mr. Hetherington and Pete Johnson were elected as trustees for a term of two years. Upon motion the nominations were closed and Mr. Bice was instructed to cast a ballot for the above mentioned nominees.

No further business appearing before the meeting a motion was made to adjourn. Same being duly seconded and carried by the unanimous vote of the meeting.

John Hulard
Secretary

Minutes taken at a special meeting of the Church Board [illegible].

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. [illegible] were no minutes in evidence of the previous meeting. After [illegible] e 95/ per communicant member to the Conference, a motion was made, seconded and carried that a request be made for the payment of 50/ from each member for the payment of the above mentioned dues and if this did not yield a sufficient amount, the balance be paid out of the [illegible] l fund for the liquidation of said dues.

After a short discussion relative the necessity of calling a new pastor and no further business appearing, upon motion the meeting adjourned to assemble again at the call of the Chairman.

[signature] Secretary.

Minutes taken at the Regular Annual Meeting of the English Memorial Lutheran Church of Astoria, Oregon, held on the 19th day of January, 1912.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Church Council and, after singing two verses of Hymn # 189, the meeting was begun with scripture reading and prayer by the Pastor, Mr. Theo Jensen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as were the minutes of the previous meeting of the Church Council.

Then followed a report by the Treasurer of the Church, Mr. Asmus Brix of the financial condition of the Congregation and the same showed that the Church is progressing financially and are in good condition.

Mrs. Furhman then gave a report of the Ladies Aid Society and it showed that they are doing very efficient work and are very progressive, as was also shown by the report of the Treasurer of the same society, Mrs. A. Brix.

Miss Alema Nyland reported that the Sunday School was in better circumstances financially than they had ever been at any time previous and the work donne by the Sunday school was very efficient andbeneficial.

The report of the Treasurer of the Luther League, Mr. Paul Kretch showed that the League was progressing very favorably both financially and otherwise.

Then followed the election of Officers for the Church Council and upon motion in both instances, Mr. Asmus Brix and Mr. John Hahn were elected as Deacons for the ensuing two year term and Mr. Jens Hansen and Capt. Sanders were elected as Trustees for the same period.

Then followed a few words of good cheer from our encumbent Pastor Mr. Theo Jensen regarding our Church work as well as Church work in general and same was enjoyed and listened to intentively and left a lasting benificial influence to all members of the Congregation present.

Then the matter of calling a permanent pastor for the Congregation was taken up and after a short discussion refering to the subject, a motion was made by Mr. John Hahn and seconded by Mr. Asmus Brix that the Church Board cooperate with the members of the Mission Board and as soon as convenient send a call to a new pastor. Mr. Andersons Name was mentioned and the Board were instructed to send him a call at once through the aid of the Mission Board.

No further business coming before the Congregation, the meeting was closed with benediction by Pastor Jensen and was adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Theo Jensen. Secretary.

Astoria, Oregon,

Minutes taken a a special meeting of the Trustees and Deacons of the English Memorial Lutheran Churach of Astoria, Ore., held Nov. 13 1912

The Meetigg was called to order by the Chairman and as there were no Minutes of the previous meeting at hand, the Board proceeded at once to the transaction of the business of the evening. First came the election of Officers for the ensuing year and upon motion Mr. H. Kempe was elected Chairman, Mr. Asmus Brix, Treasurer, and Mr. John Hahn, Secretary.

Then was read a communication from Mr. George Anderson to the effect that he was obliged to decline the call which the congregation had so graciously honored him with. After a short discussion on the subject, a motion was made by Mr. Asmus Brix and seconded by Mr. J. Nyland that we send at once a call, with the cooperation of the Mission Board, to Rev. Chas Pearson of Windom, Kans. Carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

As no further business appeared beforethe meeting the same was adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

John Hahn.

Secty.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board Of Directors

of the

Memorial Lutheran Church.

Held in the Church Parlor November 13, 1912.

The meeting was called to order by the President and was opened with the Scripture Reading and prayer, the 23d. Psalm being the text of the Scripture Reading.

The motion was made and carried that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be suspended on account of limited time. A communicationwas received from the Ladies Aid Society turning over to the church Treasurer, Mr. Brix $80.55 to be applied on the church indebtedness, $30.55 was applied on the interest on a note held by Mr. Brix to cover interest for one year, same being in turn turned into the general fund by Mr. Brix to apply on the pastor's salary. The remaining $50. was applied on the principal of the note reducing same from $700 to $650 A discussion was followed with reference to the collection of the dues of the members; also the acquisition of new members.

No further business appearing before the meeting a motion of adjournment was made and the same was carried. The council thenadjourned deciding to meet at the call of the presiding officer.

_____ Secy.

Minutes Taken at Annual Meeting

of the

Memorial Lutheran Church

Held in the Church January 8th, 1913.

The meeting was called to order with Rev. Pehrson presiding.

The meeting was opened with Scripture Reading and prayer, by the presiding officer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and upon motion were approved and accepted.

Then followed the election of secretary and H. F. Kempe was nominated. A motion was now made that the nomination be closed and that the presiding officer cast an unanimous ballot for his election, same was carried.

Then followed the pastors' report as follows:

To the Memorial Lutheran Church, Astoria, Ore:-

Grace, Mercy and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be multiplied among you!

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the Crown of life", Rev. 2:10.

These are the words of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord, of Him who sitteth at the right hand of God making intercession for us. These words are written to us as well as to the church in Smyrna, It is the Lord's call to us as a flock of His pasture to abide in him and to fight the good fight of faith, as He leads us forth conquering and to conquer. It is the united army, one in which there is one heart and one soul, one that presents an undivided front to the enemy of our souls that wins the ultimate victory. The battle may be long drawn out and fierce, but raising aloft the banner of our Lord, we shall triumph. "Be thou faithful". This applies unto us all both young and old, children as well as parents. The evil one is well intrenched in our midst. Not only has he well organized institutions and forces at his behest arrayed in formidable array against the forces of righteousness, but his chains and fetters bind the heads of families. What a sad, sad picture of homes where no prayer is heard, of homes from which the Christ Child has been banished! Lord in mercy send the tender lambs of thy fold that they perish not!

Be ye faithful unto death, ye beleiving souls! Pray for the husbands who know not God, pray for the children; pray for the tender lambs who learn not the fear and love of God at home, and who must go unaccompanied to God's house; pray for an awakening that souls may cry out unto the living God for mercy and the adoption of children into the family of God! In all humanity we receive with grateful hearts that God has intrusted to our care so many children to nurture and train for Him in His kingdom, and may God grant us grace and wisdom to lead the young lives aright, but the Sunday School was never intended to supplant the home. God has given the children fathers and mothers to be His representatives here on earth. They are His servants appointed to lead them in the way of life. They are to lead them to the house of God, not send them. For there the children receive the answers to the heart questions. Gods holy temple is their home, for it is their heavenly Fathers' house. The Sunday School is not the Childrens Church. It is but the teaching department of the church. The Lord wants them at the church services. The service is not complete without them.

Therefore we can never rest satisfied until the parents gather their children around them in the fold. The nothing less can God be well pleased. Therefore, be thou faithful at the throne of grace, persevere and faint not. Be faithful in the reading of the word; be faithful in the testimony of Jesus; be faithful in enabling souls to enter in His holy temple and to flee from the wrath to come. Be faithful unto death and thou shalt receive the crown of life.

The past year has been a prosperous one in the outward growth of the congregation. Every department has experienced a steady growth. 27 have united with the congregation in the past year, viz: 8 Communicants and 14 children, bringing the total membership up to 120 - 63 Communicants and 57 children. The Sunday School has a total enrollment of 85 divided into six classes with an equal number of teachers. There have been baptized during the year 1 child. Besides this there must, however, have been a number of others that have not been recorded in the report of Ministerial Acts, the children having been baptized by other pastors. It would be desirable to have those cases that they might be properly recorded. Three funerals have been conducted, one a child member of congregation. That other funerals have been held we have no record of. The Lord's Supper has been celebrated once since the advent of the present pastor. A gratifying number communed at the Lord's table.

The congregation has been ably served during the past year by student of Theology Theo. A. Jensen. The seed that had been sown will bear fruit in Gods own time. Our prayers go with him to his new field of labor. Your present pastor has served the congregation a little over two months. The Lord bless the word that is preached unto the saving of souls, that there also may be an inner growth of soul life in the congregation.

The congregation rejoices in a flourishing Ladies Aid Society that has done faithful work, and has been a source of great help to the finances of the congregation. The Luther League has done faithful work and has been a potent factor in the life of the congregation. I am told that the devotional services are well attended and that a keen interest is manifested.

We have every reason to feel grateful to God for our large and well attended Sunday School. We pray God it may be the beginning of a flourishing and self sustaining congregation. All honor and gratitude are due to the officers and teachers who by their self sacrificing labors have made this Sunday School by the grace of God, possible,- The finances will be presented by the treasurer, therefore, we have not concerned ourselves with them,-Be thou, little flock, faithful unto death!

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Church Council,

Your humble servant

Astoria, Ore. Jan. 8, 1913. Charles Pehrson.

Upon motion the pastor's report was ordered to be placed on record in the church record books. Then followed the report of the church treasurer Mr. Asmus Prix, which was read and approved.

To the Members and Friends of the American Evangelical Lutheran Memorial Church.

I herewith submit to you my annual report as Your Treasurer.

Cash on hand when last years report was made,	$31.23
Collections during the year,	$91.57
Total	122.80

Paid out during the year.

Wine	.50	
Lights	13.45	
Water	15.00	
Assessment Con.	16.05	
Hymnals & Music,	6.56	
Lumber & Seed,	.50	
Ministerial Aid,	3.39	
Lowering Water pipe,	5.15	
1 Axe,	.75	
Wood,	1.75	
English Assn.,	2.50	
Candles, paint & G.L.	8.80	
Street Imp.	3.35	
Insurance,	3.05	
Janitor,	2.00	
Electric Lmp & Plg,	.65	83.50
Balance in Treasury		$39.30

Out of this $2.65 is for Missions.

Cash on hand at the last annual meeting,	$18.00
Dues collected for Pastors Salary,	326.30
	$344.30

Paid out during the year,

Salary to Rev. T. A. Jansen.	$283.00
Salary to Rev. Chas. Johnson, 2 months,	50.00
Total.	$333.00
Balance on hand Jan. 6, 1913.	$11.30

Sept. 20, 1912.

I received from	C. G. Palmberg,	$20.00
	Ladies Aid,	102.85
	Building Fund,	65.22
Transferred	Church Collections,	3.35
	Street Assessment,	$191.42

Oct. 14, from Ladies Aid, $80.55

This amount paid on Note Principal $50.00 and $30.55 paid on years interest.

Donated by Mr. Asmus Brix, 4.45

$35.00

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Asmus Brix, of the Ladies Aid Society was now read and accepted.

Jan. 3,	Meeting at Mrs. Herman,	$2.05
Feb. 8,	" " Mrs. Voss,	2.50
Mar. 6,	" " Mrs. Carlson,	4.75
Apr. 3,	" " Mrs. Westerson,	2.85
May. 1,	" " Mrs. Carlson,	2.35
Jun. 5	" " Mrs. Jacobson,	4.45
Jul. 3,	" " Mrs. Nyland,	4.00
	1 little crochet skirt,	1.25
Aug. 7,	Meeting at Mrs. Kempe,	3.30
Sept. 4	" " Mrs. Axel Jacobson,	3.00
Oct. 2,	" " Mrs. Lancaster,	2.30
Nov. 6,	" " Mrs. J. H. Hansen,	2.65
Dec. 4,	" " Mrs. Asmus Brix,	3.70
Sept.27	Net receipts from sale,	70.10
	1 apron raffled,	3.00
	1 pr. pillow slips sold,	2.50
	1 pr. " " " to Mrs. Brix,	2.50
	1 pr. " " " " Mrs. Pehrson,	2.50
	Total taken in during 1912,	$ 119.75
	Cash on hand Jan 1, 1912.	87.35
		$ 207.10
	Paid out during 1912,	200.40
Jan.31.	Balance in treasury,	6.70

Feb. 6,	for Pulpit and Alter,	$ 15.00
Sept 20	Transferred to church treasurer,	102.85
Oct. 14,	" " " " " "	80.55
Dec. 4	for flowers to Carlson boy,	2.00
		$ 200.40

A motion was made and carried that the secretary send a vote of thanks to the Ladies Aid Society for their efficient aid during the past year.

Then followed the report by the Sunday School Superintendent, Miss Alema Nyland.

Total receipts for 1913,	$43.07
" expenses " "	17.23
Cash balance on hand,	$25.84

Upon motion same was approved and accepted.

Then followed the report of the treasurer of the Luther League.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1912	$32.40
Receipts during the year,	54.95
	$87.35
Disbursements	49.70
Balance on hand,	$37.65

Upon motion same was approved and accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

Then followed the election of officers. Upon motion the regular rules were suspended and Mr. Prix was ordered to cast a ballot for the congregation. H. W. Kempe and Matt Nyland being elected deacons for the ensuing two years. Upon motion the secretary was ordered to cast a ballot for the congregation, electing Victor Westerson and Pete Johnson as trustees. The election of a lay delegate to the Conference was deferred for the time being, until we found out were the Conference was to be held. A communication was received from F. O. Hansen requesting a meeting to be called at a central point for the English Lutheran Congregations on the coast, but, on account of the distance a conclusion could not be reached as to a suitable meeting place. The church dues to the Conference was taken up and discussed, same amounting to $17.54 but no disposition was made at this time, same being laid on the table until the next meeting of the church council.

No further business appearing before the congregation a motion was made for adjournment, same was carried.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board Of Directors

of the

Memorial Lutheran Church

Held in the Church Parlor February 5, 1913.

The meeting was called to order by the paster Rev. Charles Pehrson, and was opened with Scripture Reading and prayer, the 69th Psalm being the text of the evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and ~~approved~~ accepted. The principal business that came up before the meeting was the conformality of a plan to raise money for the payment of the church conference dues as there had been no money fitted for this purpose out of the general fund. A communication was received from the Luther League advising that they would donate $30.00 for the above purpose. A communication was also received from the Ladies Aid Society advising that they would donate $7.80 for the above purpose. The total amount of the above tax was $1.30 for each communicant member, The total amount to pay would be $67.84, the above taxation amounting to $37.20. A motion was made and carried that the balance of $30.34 be taken from the general fund.

Discussion was then entered into regarding our regular dues and member-ship after which the sending of delegates to the convention at Portland was taken up, but no lay delegate was chosen and all power to go for the congregation was given to the pastor. The pastor then gave a short summary of the work at Scappose and Lewis & Clark; also took up the matter of Bible Class in the Sunday School.

No further business appearing before the meeting, the council adjourned, to meet at the call of the pastor.

[illegible] Sec'y.

Minutes taken at a special meeting of the Church Board, held at the Church August 24, 1913.

Meeting was called to order by the President of the Church Council and was opened with Scripture reading and Prayer by Rev. Chas Pehrson. The pastor then handed in his resignation from the Astoria charge same to take effect as soon as somebody could be called to take his place, on or about the first of November, 1913.

On account of the samall number of the Council prsent, upon motion the resignATION was laid on the talle to be taken up and acted upon at some susequent meeting.

No further business appearing before the Council, motion for adjournement was in order. Carried.

Astoria, Ore, Aug. 24, 1913.

S. F. [illegible]

Secty.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Church Council of the Memorial Lutheran Church held in the Church, Sept. 7th, 1913.

Meeting was called to order and was opened with scripture Reading and Prayer by the pastor, Rev. Chas Pehrson.

The question taken up at this meeting was the resignation of the Pastor, which was accepted upon motion being made regarding same. Upon motion being made and carried, the Secretary was advised to extend to Mr. Theo Jensen, our former pastor, a call to further delay his Semenary work at some Eastern Institution and take charge of the Memorial Lutheran Church of Astoria oregon for another year, same call to take effect at once or at the expiration of the term of Rev. Pehrson, and also endeavor to exact an agreement between Rev. Pehrson and Mr. Jensen so as to put the call into effect on or about the forst of October.

No further business appearing before the Church Council same adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Astoria, Oregon, Sept. 7th, 1913.

H. T. Wright Secty.

[illegible], [illegible],
[illegible] 26, 1910.

[illegible] Pres. [illegible],
[illegible] and friend.

Enclosed communication to your church speaks for itself.

We hope you will see your way to meet with us for the consideration of the object sought. We have [illegible] and a [illegible] time to meet, if necessary.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,
[illegible] Adams.

P.S. My address Sept. 1-12 will be [illegible] Centralia Ave., [illegible]

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To the Memorial Luth. Church,
Astoria, Oregon.
Grace and Peace!

At a regular meeting of the Mission Board of the Columbia Conference, Aug. 30, 1916, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the mission funds of the Conference is not sufficient supporting two men on our field in Astoria; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Board, one man can well take care of the said field; therefore

Resolved, that the Board urgently impresses upon the two congregations in Astoria the imperative need for them to unite and form one pastorate."

I herewith have the pleasure to present this resolution, a copy of which is also sent to the First Lutheran Church, with the sincere hope that it will receive favorable consideration.

On behalf of the Board,
Very respectfully,
N. J. W. Nelson, Sec'y.

New Westminster, B. C., Aug. 30, 1916

Minutes taken at a regular meeting of the Church Council held in the Church Nov. 12, ~~1914~~ 1913.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Theo Jensen, who opened the meeting with reading the 118th Psalm and prayer.

The first question that came up for discussion was in regard to a heating plant for the church, and after a short discussion no agrement was reached regarding same, as the concensus of opion was to the effect that if possible, we should try to get along through the present year wothout expending any money on a plant. Same was refered to further discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Upon motion being made and carried the secretary was authorized to have made up and sent out quarterly report of the financial condition of the Church as a whole.

Upon motion being made and carried the pastor was authorized to purchase Bibles for the confirmation calss for their use during the time of confirmation and at its close said Bibles to be presented to the individual members.

A discussion then followed with reference to the Council holding regular meetings and upon motion being made and carried it was decided to hold regular meeting the first Wednesday in every quarter. The first meeting to be held on the first Wednesday in December, ~~1914~~ 1913

No further business appearing before the Council, they adjourned to meet as above stated.

Astoria, Oregon, Nov. 12, 1914.

Astoria , Ore., Jan. 8th, 1914.

Minutes taken at the regular Annual meeting of the Congregation of the Memorial Lutheran Church, of this city, on the above date.

The meeting was opened with the reading of the fifty sixth Psalm and prayer by Pastor Theo Jansen.

Motion made and carried that we dispense with the regular pastoral report, as we had no regular pastor during the year.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted and in same the pastoral report was omitted upon motion.

In the absence of the regular Treasurer, Mr. Knud Grix, Mr Jensen took it upon himself to make out and read a report of the financial condition of the church, as follows;

Receipts,	Balance on hand Jan. 1. 1913	$ 100.60	
	Collections	80.07	
	Dues	267.00	447.67
Disbursements	Salary	305.75	
	Mission	30.30	
	Incidental	55.41	411.46
	Balance on hand January 1st, 1914		36.21

A motion was made and unanimously carried that the above report be accepted and placed on file.

The treasurer of the Sunday School reported as follows;

Balance on hand January 1, 1913	25.84	
Cash received during the year 1913	81.66	107.50
Expenses during the year 1913		78.94
Balance on hand January 1, 1914		28.56

A motion was made that the report of the Sunday School treasurer be accepted and placed on file.

Then followed the report of the treasurer of the Luther League, Miss Bodil Hansen, as follows

Balance on hand	37.65	
Contributions	9.66	
Dues	11.45	
Sale	36.05	94.81
Mission dues paid	54.21	
Incidental	5.30	59.51
Balance on hand this date		35.30

A motion was made that the above report be accepted and placed on file.

The Ladies Aid Society reported their financial standing through their treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Kempe, as follows;

	Balance on hand January	6.70	
	Dues	40.21	
	Sale	86.75	133.66
Expenses	Mission	27.50	
	Incidental	10.80	38.30
	Balance on hand		95.36

2. January, 8th, 1914.

A motion was made and carried that the report of the Ladies Aid be accepted and place on file.

Then followed the election of the Church Council. Upon motion that the regular rules be suspended, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Prix were nominated and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above named nominees to serve the church in the capacity of deacons for the ensuing two years. Motion was carried.

Mr. J. T. Jansen and Robert Evenson were nominated to serve the church as trustees for the ensuing two years and upon motion the nominations were closed and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above named nominees. The motion was carried.

Then followed a discussion for the raising of the church debt and the proposition of building a parsonage, tower for the church also a church bell. After a varied discussion a motion was made and carried that Mr. Theo Jansen, as chairman of the committee, a soliciting committee be appointed by the Chairman to solicit for the lifting of the church debt, and for a building fund to include the erection of a parsonage, building of a tower on the church and also the purchase of a bell for the church.

A motion was the made and unanimously carried that the congregation issue a call to the present incumbent, Mr. Theo. F. Jansen, to become the permanent pastor of the Memorial Lutheran Church, same call to become effective at the Ordination of Mr. Jansen in the Spring of 1915, the congregation grant him a leave of absence to complete his work for ordination. Salary, 1000.00 per year.

The secretary was also instructed to take the matter of the vacancy of the congregations now served by Mr. Jansen up with the Conference with the object in view of obtaining relief during Mr. Jansen's absence, also to solicit aid from the Conference to an amount of from fifteen to twenty dollars per month for a limited time.

No further business appearing before the house the meeting adjourned to the basement for refreshments served by the members of the Luther League.

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Treasurer's report for Memorial Tablet Committee August 1st.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1913	£5.84
Cash received during 1913	81.66
Total receipts	107.50
Expenses during 1913	78.94
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1914	28.56

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Treasurer's Report

[illegible] 1713

	Received	Paid
[illegible] on hand	37 65	
[illegible] contribution [illegible]	9	
[illegible]	1 15	
[illegible]	36 15	
	84 81	
[illegible] Dues in Mission [illegible]		30 [illegible]
[illegible] Dues		1 50
[illegible] tax for 1713		1 40
[illegible] Coffee, Sugar & cream		2 40
[illegible] contribution & mission Dues		24 21
		57 51
	94 81	94 81

Bal. [illegible] on hand

June 8	Cash on hand	6.10	June 8	Mrs. entertained Mrs. Tufford	1.15
	Meeting at Mrs. Graham	2.00	July 17	To Rev Pelton Team to Mission	1.50
Mar 5	" Mrs. Gunnell	1.51	May 10	Cleaning Church	2.00
Mar 5	" Mrs. Johnson	2.30		Gt & Cents	1.00
	" Mrs. Lampkin	2.15		Coal oil	20
	" Mrs. Wm Colson	1.00		Etc	.50
	" Mrs. Palmberg	1.00		Coffee	10
	" Mrs. Sandies	5.10		Sugar	25
	" Mrs. Carlson	2.50		5 ½ Carrum	
	" Mrs. Nelson	5.80		[illegible]	3.70
	" Mrs. Martin	6.55		To Mission	20.00
	Sale of Fancy Work	25.35		Balance	15.36
	Serving Tea	1.55			
	Candy	3.10			
Nov 5	Meeting Mrs. Tenney	2.10			
	[illegible]	15			
Dec 3	Meeting at Mrs. [illegible]	3.10			
		33.60			33.60

Astoria, Oregon, March 16, 1914.

To the Memorial Lutheran Church,

Astoria, Ore.

We, the undersigned, designated as an auditing committee for the purpose of auditing the various reports and accounts of the church, sundayschool, Luther League and Ladies Aid Society, hereby certify that all the reports have been audited and found correct. The various balances, as reported, agreeing with the actual cash on hand. The Church Treasurers books were audited and on March 4th, 1914 the Pastors salary fund had a balance of $38.05 and the General fund had a balance of $17.80 these amounts have been turned over to the new church Treasurer Mr. Hahn.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Waterman

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Dear [illegible]: In looking over the program of the Conference as published, I find you down for [illegible]. The brethren [illegible] from the fields of [illegible], seeking [illegible] by the [illegible]. We all hope that the decision of the conference [illegible] known to be desirable in [illegible] through the press. But I [illegible] announce to you that you [illegible] assigned.

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

I know, [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

Astoria, Oregon, March 4, 1914.

Minutes taken at the regular meeting of the Church Council of the Memorial Lutheran Church, held in the church on the above date.

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The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jansen and was opened with the reading of the Scripture and prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Several financial reports which had not been compiled and read at the annual meeting were now read and accepted and were ordered placed on file in the minutes of the anual meeting/.

Mr. Jansen was unanimously elected a Chairman of the Church Council.

Upon motion H. F. Kempe was elected Secretary of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mr. Hahn and Mr. Brix were the nominees for the treasurership and in the sealed balloting that followed the vote came out a tie which was decided by Mr. Jansen casting the deciding vote in favor of Mr. Hahn, who was then duly declared elected.

The quarterly report was now read and accepted.

Mr. Jansen, Westersund and Kempe were elected as a auditing committee to audit all the financial reports of the church before the Council and make a report on same.

No further business appearing before the house the meeting adjourned.

H. F. Kempe Secty.

Minutes taken at a special meeting of the Church Council of the Memorial Lutheran Church, held in the church after the evening services, Sunday Evening, June 21st, 1914.

On account of the absence of the regular secretary, Mr. A. Brix was chosen as secretary, pro.tem.

A motion was made and carried that we accept Mr. Peter Johnson as a member of the church.

A communication from Mr. Theo Jansen, our pastor, to the effect that he accept the call for this field was received and read.

In the matter of assessment to the Conference, it was decided to sen twenty dollars ($20.00) and the treasurer explain the situation as to our condition financially.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Mat Nyland, Mr. V. Westersund, and Mr. Asmus Brix to look into the possibility of building a parsonage on the church lot and also make an estimate of the cost of same.

Asmus Brix,

Secretary pro.tem.

Astoria, Oregon, June 10, 1914.

Mr. T. A. Jansen,

Astoria, Oregon,

Dear Mr. Jansen,-

At the annual meeting of the members of the Memorial Lutheran Church, of this city, it was unanimously decided to issue to you an urgent call to become the permanent pastor of the congregation.

It is understood that you desire a few months to complete your work at the Seminary and it was decided to allow the congregation to be vacant during this time, cooperating with the Mission Board to fill the pulpit at such intervals as can be satisfactorily arranged, the call to become effective at the expiration of the Seminary's school year.

It was also decided at the above meeting to build a parsonage and the remuneration effective with this call to be one thousand dollars per annum, as follows: free rent in the parsonage, estimated $250.00; to be raised by the Memorial Church $400.00, to be raised by Skamokowa Church $100.00 and the Mission Board has promised to aid us to the amount of $250.00 until such time as will necessitate us to become self sustaining.

It is the earnest hope of the members of the Memorial Lutheran Church that you give this your most earnest consideration in their favor.

Yours very truly,

Minutes taken at a s ecial meeting of the Church Council of the Memorial Lutheran Church, held in the Church July 8, 8:oo P.M.

The meeting was opened by the President of the Church Council, Mr. Theo A. Jansen, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The pricipal business taken up at the meeting was the report of the building committee with reference to the building of a parsonage on the church property. They reported that it would be impossible to build a house on the upper part of the [illegible] proper. Plans of this house were submitted and the estimated cost of same was places at from fourteen to fifteen hundred dollars. After a short discussion it was deemed infeasible to build a house on the church property at all, but rather to buy a lot and build a house on same selecting a committee to get information regarding suitable location and report.

A motion was made and seconded the funds be solicited and build a parsonage on a suitable lot at a maximum cost of [illegible] Five hundred dollars ($2500.00). Same was carried.

As a committee to obtain a suitable location were appointed [illegible], Hahn and Hyland, said committee to report the cost [illegible] location to be acted on at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

[illegible] appearing before the meeting a motion was made [illegible]

Minutes taken at a special meeting of the Church Coucil of the Memorial Lutheran Church of Astoria Oregon, August 9th, 1914.

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Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.
The business taken up at the meeting was in reference to supplying a paster in Mr. Jansen's absence. After some discussion Mr. Jansen was authorized to make wahtever arrangements he deemed necessary.
The building committee were not ready to report and, as no further business appeared, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

Minutes taken at a special meeting of the Church Council of the Memorial Lutheran Church of Astoria, Oregon, August 23, 1914.

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No minutes for the prvious meeting appearing they were laid over to some subsequest meeting.
The Committee in charge of the looking up of a suitable location for a parsonage reported that Mr. Hahn had a lot that he thought might be suitable. Same was offered at a price of $400.00 and Mr. Hahn further agreed to donate $50.00 of the above amount toward the building fund. As all the members of the Councial had not seen the lot, no action was taken, but after some subsequent date when it would be possible for all members to view the property, decicive action would be taken. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

Astoria, Oregon.

January 10th, 1915 .

The Church council met on the above date for a special announced session.

There being a quorum of the members present, Mr. Hahn acting as chairman called the meeting to order , appointing Miss Nyland as secretary - pro tem.

The first order of business was placing a nomination for Pastor. On motion of Mr. Westersund , seconded by Robert Swansen , the nomination was placed on Mr. Theodore A. Jansen to serve the Memorial Lutheran Church after his ordination this year .

The chairman gave the secretary instructions to send notices of the Annual Concregartional Meeting , also, announcements to be made at church services . Annual Meeting to be held January 26th, 1915.- 7:30 P. M.

A. L. Nyland,

Sec. pro Tem.

To the Deacons of the

of Astoria Ore

Peace & Grace!

to become the pastor of the

to express my thanks and

confidence in you. To

Yours in Christ

Thos. R. Candler

Astoria, Oregon.

The Annual meeting of the Memorial English Lutheran Church was held on Tuesday Eve, January 16th . 1915 .

The session opened with a hymn by the congregation followed by prayer and Bible reading by Rev. D. J. Lenhard who presided over the meeting . Rev. Lenhard instructed and encouraged the congregation with a short talk using as his text - The Sowing of Seed - Mark IV - 26 - 28 .

The first order of business was the election of a Secretary to serve for the annual meeting , also, to serve as Church Secretary for the ensuing year. The unanimous vote elected Mr. Asmus Brix .

The reading of reports was next taken up .

First-the Treasurers reports . Church Treasurer was asked to make a more complete report so as to include verbal report given . This motion was carried .

An Auditing Committee was then elected - the following being the members. Mr. A. S. Wentjar , Chairman - Mr. Edwin Westersund and Miss Esther J. Nyland . It is the duty of this committee to audit the different treasurers' reports handed in at the annual meeting , also , to audit the Church business for the year.

Next , the Ladies Aid report - Mrs. Victor Westersund treasurer - was read and received and turned over to the Auditing Committee .

Miss Bodil Hansen brought in the report for the Luther League and same was received and turned over to the Auditing Committee .

The Sunday School report was brought in and received and turned over to the Auditing Committee.

The next order of business was the Election of Officers - Two Deacons to serve for the term of two years. Mr. John Christians and Mr. Matt Nyland were nominated . Upon motion, the nominations were closed and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot for the congregation and Mr. Christians and Mr. Nyland were declared elected.

Two Trustees to serve for the term of two years. Nominations resulted in Mr. Westersund , Mr. Wentjar and Mr. Peter Johnson and the congregation proceeded to vote by Ballot- Result Mr. Wentjar 18 - Mr. Westersund 28 - Mr. P. Johnson 24 - Mr. Johnson and Mr. Westersund were declared elected.

It was moved and seconded that the salary of a pastor be placed at $1000.00 - to be arrived at as follows,- From the Conference 250.00 , Skanokawa $150.00 Ladies Aid and Luther League $200.00 and this congregation $400.00 .

Next was the calling of a Pastor . Theological Candidate Theodore A. Jansen was placed in nomination after the reading of the minutes of the Church Council held on January 10th. The Congregation proceeded to vote by answering to roll call and the result was the unanimous "yes" vote of congregation present.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned .- Rev. Renhard dismissed the session with prayer.

Secretary.

Other Funds

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Jan 1st 1914 ending Dec 31 1914

Jan 1	Bal. on hand	35 30	
	received Dues from members	27 25	
	" Contribution of T. T. service	12 48	
	Donations from Miss Kelmore, Miss Zimmerman, Miss Lindstrom, Mr Tilton, Rev. Jansen	7 15	
	Proceeds from Luther League Sale	11 20	
		135 38	
	Paid for banquet for Confirmation class		5 75
Jan 2	" Postal Supplies and meeting notices		2 50
Mar 2	" [illegible]		2 50
April 16	" [illegible]		3 00
" 21	" Postage [illegible]		2 00
" 11	" Expenses from [illegible]		[illegible]
	" Pledge towards liquidation of [illegible]		[illegible]
	" Mission board Dues		[illegible]
Dec	" Expenses forward to Rev. Jansen		[illegible]
		[illegible]	122 70
		122 70	
	Gives the Treasurer a balance	12 68	

Annual Report of the Sunday School

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1914	26.57
Quarter Collection	12.65
Christmas "	16.00
Received from Picnic	12.60
Sunday Morning Birthday Offering	70.61
Total	138.43

Expenses

Literature for year	66.70
[illegible] Expense	4.50
[illegible] Mission	6.15
[illegible] Church Basement	9.25
Picnic Expense	7.10
Christmas "	12.45
Lights & Wires for Basement	6.05
Miscellaneous	6.70
	120.63
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1915	17.80
	138.43

Victoria Westerlund

Report

Miscellaneous	Organing church 2.00 Coral piece 2.00 miscellaneous 2.00	6.50
		35.05
Cash Bar as		252.11

Mr. Wm Henderson

Building Fund.

[illegible]

[illegible] secured by [illegible] mortgage 650.00.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	200.00
Luther Leayen	75.00
Anna Bry	325.00
[illegible]	5.00
Wm B. Hansen	3.00
J. H. Hansen	2.50
Wm Hyland	10.00
[illegible]	5.00
[illegible]	2.50
Mrs. Wm Bock	50
Robt Swansen	5.00
[illegible]	5.00
Theo. Jansen	2.50
[illegible]	5.00
[illegible]	5.00

[illegible] $75.00 [illegible] $20.00 [illegible]

[illegible]

John Hahn. Treas.

Delphia Ill, 1st 1715.

Balce on hand Cash.	17. 10
Collections and by tender for [illegible]	[illegible]
Total	158. 22.
Disbursement	[illegible]
Balce on hand	[illegible] 8. 74.

Due bank

Due on hand May 31.	[illegible]
Due paid to Sept 27. 1875.	1 59. 75
Total	200. 05.
Bal to Sinking, deducting [illegible]	160. 05
[illegible]	39 10

Total Cash on hand Sept 27 [illegible] 18

[illegible]

Sixx.

In regard to the matter of calling Mr.

Hansen for Pastor my vote is "yes".

Josie Hansen

Received Reports of officers
in minutes of annual Meeting
Lands 1911 January 26th, 19

Amanda Bair

A. S. Wentjar
J. Edwin Westerlund
Esther J. Eyland

Astoria Ore.

Oct. 16th. 1917

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Ev. Luth. Church was held on the above date, the following being present; Matt Nyland, John Hahn, Asmus Brix, Victor Westerguard and Peter Johnson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A motion was made and carried that the treasurer be instructed to renew the insurance policy that expires this month, the premium being $18.00 for five years. The Pastor presented the name of Mrs. Mary Harder as a member of this Congregation; she was admitted. Upon motion the Board decided to recomend to the next annual meeting of the Congregation that the Constitution be changed as follows: that Section 4, Paragraph 2, Article 7 be changed to read; "his contribution shall not be less than $1.50 per. year for each communicant, paid monthly or quarterly. Said amount may be excused [illegible] by the board of directors.

After the minutes were read the Board upon motion adjourned.

Asmus Brix.

Astoria Ore.

Nov. I4th.I9I5

The Board met on the above date the following were present; Asmus Brix, John Hahn, Peter Johnson and Matt Nyland.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gratke who had expressed a desire for fellowship in this Congregation were admited to membership. There being no other business the Board adjourned.

Asmus Brix.

Secretary

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Astoria, Oregon.

The Annual Meeting of the Memorial English Lutheran Church was held on January 24th, 1916.

The session opened with a hymn by the congregation followed by Scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, Rev. Thos. A. Hanson, who presided over the meeting. Minutes of last annual meeting were read and approved.

First in order was the reading of the Pastor's report to the Congregation. Same was accepted.

Then followed the report of the auditing committee which included the following reports - Church Treasurer, Treasurer's Report of the Ladies Aid, Report of the Treasurer of the Luther League, Report of the Treasurer of the Sunday School. The Auditing Committee's report was accepted and is herewith attached.

Next in order was the election of officers,- Mr. Asmus Brix and Mr. John Hahn were re-elected to serve two years as deacons. Mr. Carl Nyland and Mr. Jens Hansen were elected to serve as trustees for the same period.

Mr. Asmus Brix was elected Secretary of the Congregation for the coming year.

The following were elected as Auditing Committee for the year - Mr. A. S. Wentjar, Edwin V. Westersund and Miss Lelah Ashworth

The Congregation then considered the recommendation submitted by the Board of Directors in regard to changing the Constitution.

Motion was made and carried that the following change be made in the Constitution.

That that portion of Section 4 - paragraph 2 - Article 7 which reads "

This contribution shall not be less than $3.00 per year for single Communicants and not less than $5.00 per year for man and wife paid monthly or quarterly "

be changed to read

" This contribution shall not be less than $1.50 per year for each Communicant paid monthly or quarterly and if any member is unable to pay this amount , he may apply to the Board of Directors for an excuse . "

A general discussion followed concerning the laxity of the church members in attending Divine Service . No action was taken in this matter by the Congregation but the pastor appointed a committee to assist in improving the conditions.

On motion, the meeting adjourned with benediction.

Asmus Bix

Secretary .

Pastor's Report

To the Ev.Luth.Memorial Congregation at Astoria Ore.

Peace and Grace!

And He is the head of the body,the Church,who is the beginning the firstborn from the dead;that in all things he might have the preeminence. Colossians I; I8

Such is the relation of Jesus to the Church. He is the head and [illegible] the other. One member cannot say of the other I have no need of thee [illegible] unto the salvation of the world for His work of atonment is to be [illegible] unot those who willfully neglect the Church of Jesus Christ,but contrarywise presents the Church as the medium thru which His grace is offered.

On the otherhand the Church can do nothing without its head Jesus Christ. [illegible] by courting the favor of the world or by applying sound buisness principles in its management,but unless its head is Jesus Christ it must fail most ignominiously as a ship of salvation,and all who have trusted to her false ideals must perish when every man's work is tried as with fire and all that which does not arise from true faith in Jesus Christ shall be burned by the unquenciable fire of Divine judgement.

It therefore behooves every Church to be so ordered as the true body of the Lord. That as every impulse and motive of the body is from the head so should every activity of the Church be subject to the will ofChrist. We may introduce other activities into the Church [illegible] visitation of the sick and needy,but whatever we do must be with one aim in view;the advancement of God's glory and the salvation of souls.

That is the work of the Church in all of its spheres of activity,and any society or auxiliary that works for other ends has no place in the Church,for Christ is the beginning the firstborn from the dead that in all things He might have the preeminence.

This is my first pastoral report and it is with genuine happiness that I am permitted to the Memorial Lutheran Church as in my connection with the Congregation as student the work has grown dear to my heart. The work that has been done in the past by the members of the Congregration and by the ministers of the Gospel has not been in vain and has not been left unblessed by the Lord. And if we find the blessing to be less than we expected let us not blame the Lord but attribute it to its rightfull cause,the lack of zeal on our part.

The Sunday school is in a good condition and is an inspiration to all who are connected with it. The enrollment is approximately 100 scholars and 9 teachers and officers. An encouraging feature of the work is the Bible Class of confirmed girls that has been maintained for almost two years. It would be well if more of our confirmed church members would attend our Sunday school. A class of II boys and girls are now receiving catechetical instruction.

The Luther League is doing a good work in keeping our young people together and to some extent interested in the Church. It has been a material aid to the Church in a financial way as the treasurer's will show. The membership is about 30 nearly all being members of the Church.

The Ladies Aid as always has been active for the wellfare of the Church. Its membership is now 30,a number of new names having been added to the roll during the summer and fall. The treasurer's report will reveal the extent to which the congregation is dependent upon it [illegible].

[illegible] I [illegible] I am sure it would be [illegible] would be able to [illegible] feel [illegible]

the Church. Where are the men who will agitate the question and get something of that kind started?

In the seven months of my pastorate here I have officiated at four weddings and one funeral. I have baptized four children one of which is a member of this congregation. Five new members have been received, three communicants and two children. The Sacrament of the [illegible] has been administered once at which occasion [illegible] number communed at the Lords Table. However there are some who are wont to carelessly reject the opportunity to partake of the Lord and whom we must admonish not to look lightly upon this Sacrament for in it we receive the bread of life.

While the work has been encouraging in many respects and while we have much to be thankful for I think we should hesitate before congratulating ourself on any great achievment. God has indeed blessed us out of all proportions to the work that has been done, but can we hope that He will continue to do so if such manifestations of his love fails to awaken us from the spiritual sleep into which we as a Congregation have fallen. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that considerably less than half of the congregation may be found in the house of God on the Lords Day.

A minister of the Gospel who is also preacher does not feel like [illegible] church members to come out and hear his preach. [illegible] is a minister of the word it becomes his duty to wait upon his ministering [illegible] shepherd and seek his flock if he finds them [illegible].

When any one loses their appetite for healthy food we know that there is something wrong with their physical condition. How is it then with those who have no araving for the bread of life?

Beloved in the Lord may our prayer be that every member of this congregation may be one of those of whom Christ said "Blessed are they [illegible] and thirst after [illegible] they shall be filled". [illegible] may feel that these words do not apply to them for they have

waited upon the Lord zealously, and may feel exalted by their own faithfulness , but there is room for naught but thanksgiving; for he who has visited God's House twice on Sunday is twice blessed , and has occasion to rejoice but not to exalt himself.

Moreover the present condition must weigh heavy upon the heart of all when we recall the Lord's message to the church at Laodicea in Revelation 3- 16 . "So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. This message applied to our congregation is a challenge to arouse ourselves from our spiritual sleep and inactivity or be rejected of the Lord.

No church can be glad to live when it is asleep and a protracted sleep will eventually result in death . It is my earnest desire and prayer and I trust it is shared by all who are present that before this meeting is adjourned we shall have inaugurated a revival that will cause the dead to rise and breathe life into the dry bones of a soulless faith .

Humbly submitted this 24th day of January , 1916

By your Pastor

Theo. A. [illegible]

Astoria Ore.

Oct. 16th. 1915

To The Ev. Luth. Memorial Congregation

Astoria Ore.

The Board of Directors at a meeting on the above date decided to submit to the Congregation at this meeting the following recomendation:

Whereas, it has been found to be impracticable to abide by the Constitution in the collection of the membership dues specified therein we recomend that the following change be made in the Constitution.

That, that portion of Section 4, Paragraph 2, Article 7 which reads; This contribution shall not be less than $3.00 per. year for single communicants, and not less than $5.00 per. year for man and wife, paid monthly or quarterly, shall be changed to read; This contribution shall not be less than $1.50 per year for each communicant, paid monthly or quarterly. And if any member is unable to pay this amount apply to the Board of Directors for an excuse.

Asmus Bisp.

Secretary

A. S. Wentjär

Cash on hand Jan.27 I9I5----------	$48.I8	
Received from membership dues-----	226.50	
" " Ladies Aid----------	20.00	
" " Luther League-------	36.00	
" " Collections---------	75.57	
Total Rec.----------	406.25	
Paid to Rev. Renhard----------		$40.00
" " E.A. Jansen----------		247.85
" " Conference----------		47.45
" " Insurance----------		21.28
" " Incidentals----------		40.78
Total Exp.----------		397.36
Ballance on hand Jan.2 I9I6		8.89
		406.25

J. C. Hahn

Treasurer

Receipts

[illegible]	1.20
[illegible]	33.30
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	8.04
Total Receipts	166.88

Expenditures

[illegible]	4.[illegible]
[illegible]	40.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	40.00
Miscellaneous	1.[illegible]
[illegible]	31.55

[illegible]

[illegible] on hand Jan. 1, 1916 - $35.33

[illegible]

Mrs. C. V. Westergundt. [illegible]

[illegible]
Treasurers Report

beginning Jan 1st 1915 ending [illegible] 1915

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Dec. 26	[illegible]	37 [illegible]	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	2 50	
[illegible]	[illegible]	7 23	[illegible]
[illegible]	" [illegible]		[illegible]
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" 2[illegible]	" As a payment on the Trustees Library		
	" [illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]	Expenses for R. S. Foster		[illegible]
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Annual Report of Treasurer of the Memorial Baptist Church

Receipts:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 19[illegible]	1.788.
Sunday Evening last year	71.98.
Sunday morning [illegible]	3.06
Birthday Evening [illegible]	2.76.
Miscellaneous	4.10
Total Receipts	1[illegible].10

Disbursements:

Gen. Council [illegible]	37.11
Labor on church	26.25
Fuel [illegible]	5.40
Janitor [illegible]	[illegible]
Sundry [illegible]	[illegible]
Rent	[illegible]
Total Expenses	[illegible]

Total Receipts [illegible]

Total Expenses [illegible]

Cash Balance on hand [illegible]
Jan. 1, 19[illegible]

[illegible]

Astoria Ore.
Feb. 10th. 1912

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on the above date, the following being present; Asmus Brix, Victor Westersund, Matt Nyland, Jens Hansen and Carl Nyland.

The meeting was opened with Scripture reading and Prayer. The first business to come before the meeting was the election of a treasurer for the coming year. Upon motion Mr. Mehn was unanimously reelected. A motion was passed that the Conference be petitioned to assist this pasterate to the amount of $300.00 for the coming year, as Lewis and Clark have not payed their $50.00 to the pastors salary. The possibility of receiving the Lewis and Clark Congregation into the Memorial Church was discussed. The sense of the Board was that they would be very welcome to join with us.

The Church Book was gone over and the following names were stricken from the books as members. Mrs. Caroline Voss, William Voss, Edith Heyno (Titus) Axel Josephson, Mrs. Maria Josephson, Hilda Freund (Raske) and Alma Peterson.

Unpon motion, the meeting adjourned,

Asmus Brix

Secretary.

[illegible] Sept. [illegible], 1[illegible]

The meeting was called to order and be an with [illegible] prayer and prayer by the pastor. Those present were [illegible]. [illegible]s Dix, John Christians, Victor Lesterund and [illegible].

Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]'s name was presented as an applicant for membership in the church, she was elected by a unanimous vote. The Board then by motion authorized the Trus. to enclose such a letter as he may deem advisable with the next quarterly statement to those members that are delinquent in the payment of their pledges, urging them to pay up if possible so that the congregation may meet its obligation to the Conference and Synod missions.

A motion was made and carried that the Sun. school be permited to change its hour to include the morning service. A motion was made and carried that the Young Ladies Bible Class be given permission to build a class room onto the church the plans to be submitted to the Board for approval before work is begun. Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Asimus Dix.

[illegible] Board of Directors of the Ev. Luth. [illegible]
[illegible] of Dec. 25 1916 in the church.
[illegible] Mr Brix, Mr. Wahn, Mr. Ladd [illegible] land and
[illegible].

After a general discussion a motion was made and carried [illegible] the Board advise the congregation at its annual meeting [illegible] for the advisability of reducing the number of [illegible]ns and Trustees from four to three in each instance.

[illegible] congregation that the financial condition be considered and if possible some one be secured to secure pledges and collect the same from the members.

After a general discussion upon the spiritual condition of the congregation the meeting was adjourned.

Signed

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[illegible] 10 1917.

After singing hymn 144 the meeting was opened by reading [illegible]t. 5; 1 - 12 and prayer by the pastor.

The minutes of the previous year were then read and as there were no objections they were approved as read. The Pastor's report was then read, it was accepted and ordered spread on the minutes. [illegible] treasurer of the Ladies Aid, the treasurer of the Luther Leagueo, and the Sunday school treasurer followed by the report of the auditing committee. All reports were accepted.

The Sec. read the minutes of the Board of Directors of Dec.23d. 1916, which opened the discussion on the reduction of the Board of Deacons and Trustees. After discussion the matter was droped and the boards remain as they were before.

The election of officers followed. Mr. Asmus Brix was elected as Sec. for the ensuing year. It was moved that Mr. Matt.Hyland, Mr.Peter Carlson and Mr. John Christians be nominated to serve as deacons for two years. After counting ballots Mr. Hyland and Mr. Carlson were declared elected. Mr. Victor Westersund, Mr. A.S. Mentjer, Mrs. Victor Hermann and Mrs. Thas Verschueren were nominated to serve as trustees for two years and Mr. J.A. Hicks for one year. After the ballots were counted Mr. Westersund, Mentjer and Hicks were declared elected. Mr. Edwin Westersund, Mr. Geo. Grathe and Miss.Ida Ashworth were elected as auditing committee for the ensuing year.

After a discussion in regards to the membership dues the [illegible]ees were instructed to handle the matter as they may think [illegible]. It was moved and carried that the conservation petition [illegible] Conference for assistance to the amount of $200.00. [illegible] It was moved and carried that the conservation petition the [illegible] .00 and the Luther League for $7.00 for [illegible].

[illegible] congregation adjourned.

Signed Asmus Brix

FAITHFUL WORK

Astoria Ore Jan.10 ;1

To the Ev. Luth.Memorial Congregation:- Peace and grace

In Luke 9; 59-62 we read;- And he said unto another,Follow me. But he said,Lord,suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him,let the dead bury their dead; but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. And another also said,Lord I will follow thee;but let me first go and bid them farewell,which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, no man,having put his hand to the plow,and looking back,is fit for the kingdom of God.

In these words our Master emphasizes the unchangeable and undeniable and to many unpleasant truth that the most important consideration of our life is our relationship to Jesus Christ and his kingdom. Too frequently are we willing to serve Christ at our leasure. We will sacrifice for him if it is convenient to do so,or at any rate we want to chose the time and place in which to render him service.

Of course all who believe in Christ are will to follow him and desire to be with him on the last day when there shall be a seperation of the saved and the unsaved. But so many think that service can wait,I may do something for the kingdom of God this evening but there is a picture at the show I have so much wanted to see,this afternoon I could help my Saviour but there is a party where I am expected,and the cause of Christ must wait. Then there is the Lord's Day,given to man as a special opportunity to serve the Living God,but there is dinner to prepare,there are some friends to entertain,there is our comfort to lazily nourish by the fireside and a great many other things that cause one Sabath after the other to pass by and no service rendered to God. And this is the co[illegible]

who have said I will follow thee. Christ says they are not worthy of the kingdom of God and their lot shall be with the unbelievers.

Such is the teaching of the Word of God and such must be the theaching of this congregation.

I shall make no detailed report of the condition of congregation as it would be but a repition of last years report. The financial condition will be reported by the proper persons and I have no tangible evidence of any spiritual progress with the exception of the reception of some new members and the beginning of devotional work by the Luther League, which is too recent to report upon, however the beginning is promising.

During the past year five communicants have been received and ~~six~~ six children. 11 were confirmed. 9 children and 1 adult have been baptized, 8 marriages have been performed. Four funerals.

Your Pastor

Theo. A. Sander

the Luther League and the Sunday school, and have found them to be in accordance with the books of the said treasurers, and recommend that they be accepted by the congregation.

V. Edwin Hesterlund
A. S. Wentzer

Treasurer's eport .

Jan. 1st, 1916 to Jan. 1st, 1917

Receipts		Expenses.	
Balance - Jan. 1st, 1916	8.89	Pastor's Salary	400.00
[illegible] forSalary	363.15	Bibles for Class	14.85
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Subscription For Conf. School At Couer DeAlene	55.00	Minis. Travel. Exp.	6.55
	545.51	Organ Tuning	5.00
		English Association	4.02
		Candles	5.20
		Ministerial Aid	4.60
		Water- Light- Fuel	35.40
		Indidentals	3.05
		Subscription paid to School at Couer de A'Lene	55.00
			540.67
		Loss	2.65
	[illegible]		543.32
Balance on hand-			2.19
	545.51		545.51

John Hahn Treas -

Annual Report of Ladies Aid for 1916

Receipts

Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1916	55.33
Receipts from meetings	37.92
Miscellaneous sales	7.75
Social, April 28	5.05
Home Mission Social	23.07
Annual Sales 1916	107.96
Interest	.68
Total Receipts	217.76

Expenses

Pastor's Salary	125.00
Home Mission	20.00
Conference	30.00
Advertising	3.60
Expense for social	1.00
Total Expenses	179.60

217.76 Receipts

179.60 Expenses

38.16 Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917.

Signed [illegible]

Luther League Report

Balance Jan. 1, 1916	$26.09
Rec'd from Dues	27.95
" " L.L. Sale	35.35
" " Prof. Culbert lecture	4.86
Total receipts	$ 104.19
Expenses	
Paid on Pastor's Salary	$ 75.00
Paid on L.L. supplies	3.75
Conference expense	1.55
Prof. Culbert expense	2.50
Delegates expense	6.60
Reception to Confirmation Class	2.00
Expense of L.L. Sale	1.05
Total expense	$ 92.45
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917	$ 11.74

Annual Report of the Sunday School – 1916

Received

Cash Position in Fund Jan. 1, 1916	$22.42
Sunday Offerings	61.84
Easter Offering	25.83
Christmas Offering	7.20
Received from Sunday School Picnic	7.00
Other Receipts	2.00
Total Receipts	130.79

Expenses

Christmas Candy – 1915	6.25
Christmas Cards – 1916	1.00
" " Cards & Stamps	6.15
Sunday school supplies	20.29
Easter Candy	3.10
" Cards	2.00
Picture Frame	.15
Sunday Bell	.10
Polly Dry Goods & Stamps	2.55
Jesse Wisbeck	12.53

Picnic Expenses	8.20
Extra Expenses	.58
Total Expenses.	111.12

Total Receipts	$130.79
" Expenses	111.12
	19.67

Signed)
A. C. Steelwood Treas

Birthday Treasurer reports $7.27 on hand.

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church held on Nov. 29th. 1917

Upon motion it was decided to give the collection of Nov. 9th. to the China Mission as a special offering.

A motion was made and passed that Miss. Victoria W Westersund be elected assistant Sunday school superintendent.

After some discussion a motion was passed signifying the Board's readyness to consider plans for uniting the two churches in Astoria belonging to the Augustana Synod.

Upon Motion the Meeting adjourned

Signed

John Halm

Sec. Pro. Tem.

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Ev. Luth.
Memorial Church held Jan.8 1918.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn No. 266 (S.S.Book) and reading of the 97th. Psalm and prayer by the pastor.

The minutes of the previous year were then read and approved. The Pastor's report was read and upon motion was received and ordered placed on file.

The various treasuries of the church reported as follows:

Ladies Aid	Rec.	$219.19	Exp.	157.14	Bal.	$62.05
Luther League	"	86.99	"	86.65	"	.34
Sunday School	"	211.66	"	116.98	"	94.68
Mary and Martha	"	37.50	"	.45	"	37.05
Trustees of church		707.45	"	712.25	Def.	4.80

The Auditing committee's report not being complete was deferedd

Mr. Asmus Brix was then reelected Sec. of the Congregation for the ensuing year. Mr. John Hahn and Mr. Asmus Brix were reelected as deacons for two years. Mrs. Adeline Wentjar, Mr. Edwin Westersund and Mr. J. E. Wicks were nominated for Trustees. Mrs. Wentjar and Mr. Wicks were duly elected, for two years.

Mr. Geo. Gratke, Miss. Lela Ashworth and Mr. Edwin Westersund were reelected as auditing committee for the ensuing year.

It was then voted to petition the Conference for assistance of $400.00 for the year of 1918. Also to petition for $125.00 from the Ladies Aid and $75.00 from the Luther League.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Asmus Brix
Sec.

PASTORS REPORT

Astoria Ore. Jan. 9 1918

To the Ev. Luth. Memorial Congregation:- Peace and grace!

In I Cor. 3, 6 Paul writes: I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

From which Paul draws the conclusion that neither is he that planteth nor he that watereth anything, but God who giveth the increase. And we must infer that we are of our self unable to do anything toward adding to the increase of God but must trust to God Himself to give all the increase.

However, He does expect us to do the planting and the watering. And while it is God alone who can bless our eforts with fruitful results the amount of this blessing will depend largely on the way the watering and planting are done. The result does depend to a great extent upon our ability to plant wisely and to water judishously but it depends a great deal more upon our faithfulness in making use of the opportunities and the abilities which God has given us. Paul's planting was blessed with a bountyful harvest because he was a faithful husbandman and never became weary with scatering the seeds of truth.

If our labors fail to bring the results we would like to see or any result at all, let us remember two things. First, to examine our own works to see if we have been as faithful in the service of our Master as he has a right to expect. It may be that the barenness of our efforts are due to the spirit of our service or the lack of faithfulness. Therefore, we have no right to blame God for the lack of results but ought rather to resolve

to our planting and watering so that God must give a bountyfull increase.

Secondly, if we have labored to the best of our ability and have done all that we know how to do and still find that there is a lack of results we must remember that God has promised that He will bless the labors of our hands and that though we may not know how, when or where the increase will be manifest yet we may continue with the assurance that eternity will reveal some results of our planting and watering.

During the past year there has been little to mark in the development of our congregation.

The attendance at divine services is about the same as it has always been,and is most conspicious by the great room for improvement that still exhists. The Sunday school is approximately the same as it was a year ago. The Ladies Aid and The Luther League are still doing the same good work that they have always done and prehaps a little better financially than they have heretofore.

No new members have been received during the year, a few have moved away, one has been laid to rest and others have become indifferent or still remain so ,so we are a little less numerically than we were last year.

During the year your pastor has baptized fifteen children, married four couples and officiated at eight funerals.

Respectfully submited by your pastor

AUDITORS' REPORT

Astoria Ore.
Jan. 14 ;18

We the auditing committee have examined the reports of the treasurers of the Board of Trustees, the Ladies Aid, the Luther League, the Sunday school and the Mary and Martha Club, and have found them to be in accordance with the books of the said treasurers, and recommend that they be accepted by the congregation.

Signed

L. M. Edward

Report of the Treasurer of the

Ev. Luth. Church for the year 1917.

Receipts

Cash on hand Jan.1 1917	$2.19
Pledges	344.25
Offerings	135.32
Ladies Aid	151.19
Luther League	75.00
Sunday School	11.50
	707.45

Expenses

Pastor's salary		$600.50
Conf. and Synod		46.19
Light and Water		28.70
Printing		1.85
Wood		5.00
Ministerial Aid.....		6.66
China Mission		6.50
Ass. of English Churches		5.85
Insurance		15.00
	707.45	712.25
Loss	4.80	
	712.25	

signed

_____ Treas.

Annual Report - Treasurer - 1917

Receipts

Bal. Cash	[illegible]	
Monthly Meetings	35.5[illegible]	
Annual Dues	[illegible]	
Union Fund	[illegible]	
Interest on Money in Bank	.09	

Payments

Historian - Advertisements		.25
[illegible]		2.70
Hon. Mission		[illegible]
Postage [illegible]		[illegible]
Bal. Cash [illegible]		
	[illegible]	[illegible]

Luther League Report

Jan. 1, 1917 Balance on hand	4.17
Paid dues from members	32.46
Proceeds from sale	51.86
Total	$88.49

Expenses

Luther League stationery & other supplies	1.50
Luther Leaguer	.75
Convention	3.10
Contributions	75.70
Total	$81.05
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917	$7.44

[illegible] Report [illegible] year ended 1917

[illegible]

Cash [illegible]	67	
Donation [illegible]	6000	
[illegible] Home Mission Sunday	10.00	
Pastors Salary	[illegible]	
[illegible] Sunday School	[illegible]	
Birthday Offerings	[illegible]	
Sunday School [illegible]	[illegible]	

Expense

Home [illegible]	[illegible]
Pastors Rent and Expense	600
Money Order and Stamps	4
General Council	[illegible]
Presbyterian Book Concern	60
Sunday School Picture Cards [illegible]	10.5
Easter Cards [illegible]	[illegible]
Christmas Cards [illegible]	[illegible]
Christmas Candy	9.50
Christmas Exercises	[illegible]
Miscellaneous Expense	[illegible]
Cash Balance January 1, [illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible] [illegible]

Treasurer's Report
Secretary's Office
January 1, 1918

Report of Mary's Rivulet Club
for Jan 1918

Total Receipts $7.50
" Disbursements "
Balance on hand $7.00

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
MEMORIAL EV. LUTH. CHURCH
HELD MAY 27 1918

The meeting was called to order by the pastor.

After a general discussion of the condition of the congregation a motion was made that the following be admitted to communicant membership in the congregation.

Anita Ashworth, Mildred Birch, Sadie Carlson, Ingrid Fors, Agnes Thorsen, Einar Carlson, Herman Johnson, Lorenzo Lagus, Ragnar Rindell, Amelia Bestul, Kermit Bestul and Thora Akse.

Upon Motion the meeting adjourned.

Signed Venus Dix
Sec.

Minutes of the Board of Directors
of the
Ev. Luth. Memorial Church. Nov. 28th. 1918

The was called to order by the Pastor.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read by Mr. Hicks and approved as read.

The Trea., Mr. Hahn reported that one insurance policy would soon expire and that a renewal was necessary. He was authorized to renew the same to the extent of such a sum as ~~would~~ will cover the church with a total insurance of $3000.00.

The Trustees reported that the church had been reshingled at an expense of about $78.00. It was mooved and carried that we raise as much as possible by subscription and the Trustees be authorized to borrow the remainder from the Sunda school and give them a note for the ac ount. The subscription was started with the following; Mr. Brix, $10.00; Mr. Hicks, $5.00; Mr. J.P. Carlson, - $5.00; Mr. Nyland, - $2.00; Mr. Hentjar - 2.00; Mr. Westersund, - $2.00.

By motion the pastor was authorized to have the ceiling Calsamined if there was money available for the purpose.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Signed Asmus Brix

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Ev.

Luth. Memorial Church, held Feb. 10,1919

The meeting was opened by singing Hymn No. 37 and [illegible] reading and prayer by the pastor.

The minutes of the previous year were then read by the Sec. Mr. Brix, the same were approved.

The Pastor's annual report was read and by motion was o ordered spread on the minutes.

The auditing committee's report recommending that the following treasurer's reports be accepted was read and accepted. The treasurer's reports thus accepted were the treasurer of the Board of Trustees, the treasurer of the Ladies Aid, the treasurer of the Luther League and the Thersurer of the Sunday school.

Asmus Brix was then elected Secretary of the congregation for the ensueing year.

Mr. Matt Myland and Mr. J.P. Carlson were reelected to the office of Deacon. Mr. Victor Westersen and Mr. Andrew Sentjar were reelected to the office of Trustees. Mr. Ernest Sentjar, Miss. Josie Hansen and Miss. Helena Westersund were elected as auditing committee for the ensueing year.

By motion, the action of the Board of Directors in [illegible]ing the Conference for $500.00 aid for the ensueing [illegible] was ratified.

[illegible] was then passed that the Congregation petition [illegible] Ladies Aid and the Luther League for the same amounts [illegible] them the past year, namely $125.00 and $75.00 [illegible]r.

[illegible]ition the meeting adjourned.

Asmus Brix,

Sec.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Astoria, Ore. Feb. 12 ;19

To the Ev. Lutheran Memorial Church:- Peace and grace!

In John IV, 36-37 we read 'He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gatereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, one soweth, and another reapeth.

These words of the Lord were spoken to the Apostles as Jesus pointed out to them the rich harvest of souls that awaited the reapers, to be gathered in to the garners of eternal life. The Apostles were permitted to enter into the fields already white unto the harvest and gather in the fruit which was the saved souls that had fed upon the words of the Prophets and the Holy men of God who had sown better than they had themselves reason to hope.

But their sowing had brought forth fruit, and the Apostles were permitted to reap that whereon they had bestowed no labor, and thus to rejoice together with the Prophets who with the Hosts of Heaven rejoice over every soul that is saved. But their joy is not confined to that of reaping what others have sown. They too are scattering seed along the way and ever since are made to rejoice in the rich harvest of saved souls gathered in by the army of christian workers who have entered into their labors and have kept the Gospel fire burning thru the intervening centuries. This promis of joy in the harvest is the chief hope of many who labor in the Lord's vineyard; whose lot it is to reap little but who are permitted to sow the good seed of God's word.

These words are addressed to our congregation not in a spirit of pessimism but rather of hope. Apparently our harvest is small; I say apparently for God alone knows what we are accomplishing; but we are accused of accomplishing very little and it is sometimes disheartening to our small band of workers-neither have any reason to feel satisfied with what we are doing, but each one must endeavor to accomplish more and to thus inspire greater zeal in others- but when we have labored much with apparently little results there remains this [illegible] from the seed that is now sown and thus to bring joy unto those who [illegible] life.

The soil in which we are permitted to cast the see[illegible] tho some of us may not be permitted to gather in the greater harvest [illegible] we have even a more sure hope th[illegible] believe that there are some few who have been brought to Christ and preserved for His Kingdom thru the agency of our small congregation. [illegible] there are three more saved souls in the [illegible] tho we hope that the results are greater than we are able [illegible]

winter hasinterfered with the work of the congregation to some extent. It has probably been felt most in the work of the Sundy school, the attendance here has not been as good as it should have been and I think we are justified in laying the blame largely on the epidemic. Otherwise, the school has been doing good work, one change that has proven successful is that of using the church instead of the basement for the general assembly of the school.

The Ladies aid has served the congregation with its usual consistency. Its receipts were somewhat curtailed by the conditions that made the regular Fall sale inadvisable, but the greater income at monthly meetings almost made up for that loss. The Luther League did very well financially during the year and I think the monthly meetings have been equally well or better attended than any previous year. During a part of the year a delegation from the League with the pastor held monthly meetings at Ft. Stevens for the benefit of the soldiers, and sang hymns at the hospital for the sick.

The Church Council and the Board of Trustees have cared for their regular business at the several meetings held by them during the year. They also had the church reshingled, a much needed repair, and about half the cost has been raised. We gratefully acknowledge the faithful service of Miss. Victoria Westersund and Miss. Helena Westersund who have served as organists during the year.

The attendance at church services continue irregular and entirely unsatisfactory for the work that we find before us. It is impossible to build up the congregation untill a larger percentage of our membership lead the way to the regular church services. That does not mean that any one should become discouraged but that those who are doing much must continue faithful, and those doing little must do more, and those doing nothing must do a little and thus the Kingdom will grow.

Here are a few figures. A record of seven Sundays or two months show the following attendance, out of a membership of 62 resident members we have a total attendance at the 14 services of 164, this is less than one fifth of the possible 868. For the 14 services there were five who attended 11 or more times, three 6 to 8 times, five 5 times, five 4 times, five three times, seven 2 times and 10 once, which leaves 21 or one third who were not present at any time during the two months. If this record was exceptional I would not mention it very usual and therefore needs improvement. There are of course some valid excuses which we will all allow, but valid excuses can not be the chief cause of our delinquency. The surest and easiest way to improve this record is for those who have attended less than half the services to reach that mark and then the 21 total delinquents can more easily be persuaded to come along and take an interest in our work.

During the year of 1918 I have baptized 14 children, a class of 10 was confirmed, 8 couples were united in marriage and 16 funeral services were held.

Reverently submitted by your pastor

Theo. W. Jansen

AUDITORS' REPORT

Astoria, Ore.
Jan. 29th. 1919

The undersigned as auditing committee have examined the reports of the treasurers of the Board of Trustees, the Ladies Aid, the Luther League and the Sunday school, and have found them to be in accordance with the books of the said treasurers and recommend that they be accepted by the congregation.

Signed L. M. Ashmead

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Report of the Treasurer of the

Ev. Luth. Memorial Church for the year 1918

[illegible]

[illegible] ... . [illegible]

Offering 112.00

[illegible] ..... [illegible]

Luther League 75.00

Sunday school 20.05

Special subscription for last years def. .. 48.06

Subscription for Lutheran war work 112.00

J. P. Carlson for... missions 10.00

Cash 2.28

$983.82

Expenses

Loss at Jan. 6 1918	$3.45
Pastor's salary	604.75
Light and water	27.65
[illegible]	[illegible]
Insurance	4.00
Candles	4.50
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Conf. & Synod dues for last year	38.06
Incidentals	1.95
Conference Home missions	34.00
China and India missions	10.00
To Lutheran War Work	112.00
	938.76
[illegible] on hand Jan. 7 1919	45.06
	983.82

John Hahn
Treas.

Treasurer's Report [illegible] Church

Jan. 1, 1919

Receipts

Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1918	44 [illegible]	
Collections	4710	
Received from pierce	1207	
[illegible]	1 [illegible]	
Christmas Offering	1 [illegible]	[illegible]

Expenses

Easter Expense Cards, Music, [illegible]	1 [illegible]	
Communion Bread	2004	
Sunday School Papers	4353	
Labor Shingling Church	5975	
Ice-Cream for picnic	4 [illegible]	
Rally Day Supplies	2 [illegible]	
Postal	1 [illegible]	
Secretary Book and Attendance Book	1 [illegible]	
Christmas Candy & Nuts	1010	
Christmas Supplies Boxes, Cards, Booklets	510	
Christmas Music	96	
Stamps, Money Orders	1 45	
		[illegible]
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1919		[illegible]
Building Fund		[illegible]
Total Cash [illegible]		[illegible]

Annual [illegible]

[illegible]

Receipts

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1918	62 05
Receipts from monthly meetings	235 76
From Mission Board	300
[illegible] and local	84 80
Interest on money in bank	16
	235 76

Expense

Conference Dues	50 00
Pastor's salary	125 00
Mission Fund	34 00
Advertising	3 00
Florist	2 00
Miscellaneous	50
	214 [illegible]

Balance on hand [illegible]

Reports
December 31, 1914

Balance on hand	.34	
Appropriation [illegible]	24.00	
Income from sales	65.15	
Editorial [illegible]		1.30
Books, stationery & supplies		1.75
[illegible]		2.05
Publishing		75.00
	90.34	80.10
Balance Dec. 31, 1914	10.24	

Minutes of the Church Council of the
Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church

Held March 10 1919

The Meeting was called to order by the pastor.

Those present were Mr. Brix, Mr. Hahn, Mr. Nyland and Mr. J.P. Carlson.

Upon motion Mr. Brix was elected to serve as secretary for the ensuing year.

The Church Regestry was gone over and the following action was taken. That Mrs. K. Winterhalder be considered removed and droped from our membership. That Anna Nojer be droped. That Victor Herman Jr., Ernest Mentjar, Roy Carlson, Alma Carlson, J. Chester McGregor, and Goldie Josephson be droped if they fail to meet their obligations for last year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Asmus Brix.

Minutes of the Board of Directors of the
Ev. Luther Memorial Church in session
Oct. 28th. ;19.

The meeting was called by the chairman; those present were Mr. A. Brix, Mr. V. Westersund, Mr. J.P.Carlson, Mr. J.E. Wicks, Mr. M.Nyland and Rev. T.A.Jansen.

Upon motion, the Board appropriated $5.00 to help pay for a director for the choir in case one was secured.

Two matters discussed but with no action taken were ,the layman's drive for the Synodical pension fund and the effort of the American Lutheran Church to assist the stricken Lutherans in Poland with old clothes and money.

The possibility of installing a heating plant in the church was then considered. Upon motion, it was decided that we buy a stove from Fisher Bro. Co. and build a sheet metal jacket about it with a hot air conduit to the middle of the church. It was decided that Mr. Brix secure the stove and that Mr. Wicks secure the sheet metal and see that it be installed.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Oscar Brix.
Sec.

Minutes of the Church Council of the Memorial
English Lutheran Church.
Held December 19th. 1919.

The meeting was called by the Pastor. Those present were Asmus Brix, Matt. Nyland, and J.P.Carlson. The application of Mrs. John Svenson for membership in the congregation was presented. Upon motion she was admitted into communion with the congregation.

After a short discussion on other matters the Council upon motion adjourned.

Asmus Brix
Sec.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Memorial [illegible] Lutheran Congregation, Held Jan. [illegible] 1[illegible].

The meeting was opened by the singing of a Hymn followed by Scripture reading and prayer.

The minutes of the previous year were read and accepted. Mr. [illegible] Brix was then reelected Secretary. The Pastor's report was then read and ordered signed on the minutes.

The reports were then read from the treasurers of the Board of Trustees, of the Ladies Aid, of the Luther League and of the Sunday school followed by the report of the Auditing Committee and in accordance with their reccomendation the previous reports were accepted.

The Congregation then proceded to the election of Deacons. Mr Asmus Brix and Mr. John Hahn were reelected for the ensuing two years.

Mr. J.F. Christians and Mr. J.H. Wicks were nominated and elected to the office of trustees for the ensuing two years.

Miss. Josie Hansen, Mr. Ernest Wentjar and Miss. Helena Westersund were reelected to serve as Auditing Committee for the year.

It was then moved and carried that the Conference, the Ladies Aid and the Luther League be petitioned for the same amount of help as received this year.

After some discussion a motion was then made and carried that the minimum membership dues of a communicant member be not less than $2.50 per annum; the ammount levied by the Conference and Synod.

A motion was then made and carried that the organist be given a salary of $25.00 a year for her services.

Steps were taken to raise money to pay the existing deficit in the church treasury. To do this the pastor was authorised to make an every member canvas for subscriptions and to call on the various treasuries for the neccessary balance.

The meeting was then adjourned and those present repaired to the basement to enjoy the refreshments prepaired by the ladies.

Clarence Felix,

Secretary.

Jan. 13th. 1920

To The Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Astoria, Ore.:-

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ!

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Matthew 24; 45-46.

Our Lord and Saviour by word and deed exalted service untill it is considered today as the noblest of deeds. There are few who do not profess awillingness to serve but the majority are particular who and what they serve. The King's Cup Bearer has always been a coveted position but to serve in a humble home is degrading. It is an honorable thing to serve the public in a high and honorable office but there is little glory in sweeping the streets; tho is it not as necessary for the public welfare?

For the Christian ideal of service we must still turn to the pattern of our lives, Jesus Christ, or to one who is filled with his spirit. Service itself in whatever capacity is not only honorable but blessed, such we learn from the lips and life of him who washed the feet of his humblest disciple and declared it to be a sign of his true greatness. Such is the service that he speaks of in the words quoted above.

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Jesus here speaks of that work which he began on earth and at his departure left with his disciples, it is the work of the church. To bring the Gospel of hope to those who are without, To care for the poor and homeless, and to minister to the sick and needy. The various activities of the church is but an united endeavor of Christs disciples to carry on the work of their Lord. The preaching of the Work at home and in foreign lands, and the work of mercy in her many institutions.

The answer then to the above question, Who then is a faithful and wise servant etz. is, the active and consistent church member. His activity may be a service rendered in a large and popular congregation and so carry with it honor and glory and again it may be performed in a small and unknown field but it is all the same in the sight of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings; He is the faithful and wise servant and to him belongs the beatitude, 'Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing'.

As a congregation it has been our privilege to serve the Master another year, it has been in a humble way but we trust none the less acceptable to Him. We have not accomplished all that we would like to have done nor all that He might expect of us but we have accomplished something which fact should be an incentive to press onward to accomplish more in the year that lies before us. The individual whose conscience will accept the approbation of Matt. 24;46 knows what is the chief reward of service.

The past year has been a usual one with us tho I believe we have made some progress. The attendance upon the hour of worship has not been what it should have been and the natural result is a withholding of God's blessing upon our work in porportion to our unfaithfulness. Our evening services are not as well attended as they formerly have been, on the other-

[illegible] 2 marriages and have baptized 11 children.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Church Council.

Theo. A. Jansen, Pastor.

hand the morning service is somewhat better attended. If this improvement was a little more pronounced it would be very encouraging as the experience of all churches prove that the success of a congregation does depend upon the interest of its members in the Sunday morning service. So let me suggest to any one who desires to see a bigger and better Memorial congregation that they seek to make our morning service more interesting and more edifying, by their regular attendance and good will.

The Sunday school has continued to perform its usual good work thruout the year. Sessions have been held every Sunday during the past year which have been uniformly well attended. The teachers and officers deserve comendation for the service they have rendered in this work. The enrolement at this time is about 80 which is somewhat more than it was a year ago.

The Ladies Aid has during the past year measured up to its usual standard of service, the membership is about 25; well attended meetings have been held every month. Besides the regular meetings two socials have been given which ~~which~~ were very successful both financially and socialy.

The Luther League has enjoyed a prosperous year. Its membership is about 30. Its activity consists largely in monthly socials held thru the year besides a few extra meetings, and a bazaar in the early winter. Three delegates were sent to a convention at New Ure in August. Besides the social activity most of the young ladies are active in the Sunday school and at present an effort is being made to organize a young mens Bible class. in the L.L.

The financial success of the various organizations will appear in the treasurers' reports hence I have not dwelt on that feature of the work. But I wish to call attention to the social given by the Board of Directors which tho an inovation in our work was highly successful in every respect. The result was $25.00 receipts and a very pleasant sociable evening. I trust that it can be repeated again this year.

During the year the church was kalsomined greatly inproving the appearance of the interior. We are indebted for this improvement to the Mary and Martha Club, now disorganized but from whose treasury we received the necessary funds to pay for the work. The money was raised by the efforts of the following, Miss. Nora Gillet, Miss. Lela Ashworth, Miss. Ani Lacus, Miss. Ellen Carlson, Miss. Ida Akse, Miss. Josie Hansen, Miss. Helena Westersund and Mrs. Jansen. We thank them for the benefit we have derived from their efforts.

A heating plant has recently been added to the equiptment of our church which speaks for itself in the added comfort it gives. The donations accompanying this improvement cannot be spoken of in detain at this time as all accts. are not settled as yet. The book holders in the pews placed by Mrs. Brix have added much to the completeness of our little church and are appreciatively mentioned at this time.

The growth of the congregation in membership has not been material. On Trinity Sunday a class of seven young people were confirmed, on the first Sunday in Advent one new member was received, during the year a number have removed from our community, and has been called to her eternal reward in the Church Triumphant. In this time I have officiated at 16 funerals, at 2 marriages and have baptized 11 children.

Respectfully submitted by behalf of the Church Council.

Theo. A. Jansen, Pastor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Astoria, Ore.
Jan. 11 1920

The undersigned as auditing committee have examined the reports of the treasurer of the Board of Trustees, the Ladies Aid, the Luther League and the Sunday school, and have found them to be in accordance with the books of the said treasurers and recommend that they be accepted by the congregation.

Signed

Josie Hansen

Ernest Westgar

Helena Westerlund

Report of the Treasurer of the
Ev. Lutheran Memorial Church for the year 1919.

Receipts.

[illegible]	$ 45.06
Pledges	$313.50
Offerings	144.92
Ladies Aid	157.50
Luther League	75.00
Sunday school	11.00
Mary and Martha Club	42.50
Board of Directors Social.	25.00
By subscription	91.00
To unknown cash	7.83
	913.31

Expenses.

Pastors Salary	$600.00
Light and Water	[illegible]
Food	[illegible]
Insurance	6.00
Bibles	[illegible]
Music	[illegible]
Postage	[illegible]
Ministerial Aid	6.12
Portland District Travel. Exp.	5.00
To Conference and Synod	68.50
To Lutheran National Council	50.00
New roof on the church	40.00
Kalsomining	49.50
Incidentals	[illegible]
	892.73
Balance	20.58
	913.31

[illegible]
Treas.

Luther League Reports 1919

		Receipts	Disbursements
Jan . 1, 1919	Balance on hand	9.64	
	Monthly dues received	19.45	
	Proceeds from sale	84.18	
	Floral contribution		2.25
	SERVICE Flag		1.55
	Ice cream for L. L. Reception		1.90
	Per capita tax		8.00
	Pastor's Salary		75.00
	Advertising		2.20
		113.27	90.90
	Bal on hand Jan 1,1920.		22.37
		113.27	113.27

Receipts for 1919		Expenses for 1919	
Cash Balance Jan. 1919	21 26	Pastor's Salary	125 00
Monthly Receipts	51 91	Advertising Home Mission	1 50
Home Mission Sale	48 24	Home Mission	32 50
Balance of 1918 sale	2 00	Advertising - Ladies' Aid Sale	4 45
Sale 1919 - Fancy work	41 50	Palm - Mrs. Erickson	2 50
Home Cooking	24 65		
Coffee	25 50	Balance on hand 1920	73 47
Candy	3 85		
Interest	31		
	239 12		239 12

Receipts for 1919			Expenses for 1919		
Cash Balance - 1918	36	33	Floral Spray - Ruby Thorson		25
Offerings	59	64	Easter Expenses Cards .50,		
Armenian Relief Sunday	12	57	Envelopes .30, Stickers .25, Ribbon .30		
Easter Offering	13	66	Napkins 1.15, Music 1.10, Candy 3.75		
Sunday School Picnic	12	56	I. A. Jansen - due on note	8	70
Rally Day Offering	12	36	Picnic Expenses - Ice Cream 4.95,		
Xmas Offering	16	48	Peanuts .10, Bags .35, Tags .10, Prizes		
			Rewards for attendance		
			Rally Day Expenses -		
			Cards .75, Envelopes .40, Postage 1.36		
			Sunday School Papers & Supplies	36	02
			Home Mission	11	00
			Flowers - Mr. Hahn	1	50
			Christmas Expenses - Candy 10.20		
			Nuts 1.60 Less 5% .83, Music .80 Books		
			Candy Boxes	16	24
			Paid to Armenian Relief	12	57
			Balance on hand	107	50
	163	45		163	45

Minutes of the Board of Directors of the
Memorial Lutheran Church, Held Feb. 28 1920.

Offecers for the ensuing year were elected as follows, for Sec. of the Church Council Mr. Asmus Brix; For Chairma of the Board of Trustees Rev. T. A. Jansen; for Sec. of the Board of Trustees Mr. J. E. Wicks; for Treasurer of the Board of Trustees Mr. John Hahn.

Upon motion the price for the old stove sold to Mr. E. F. Tarr was set at$10.00.

It was moved and carried that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolf be received as communicant Members of the church.

The Church Register was gone over and names stricken out reducing the membership to 68 communicants.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned

Asmus Brix
Secretary.

Minutes of the Board of Directors of the
Memorial Lutheran Church, held May 1 1920

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Upon motion it was decided that the $20.00 received from the Men's Social should be applied to the Congregation's per capita to Conference and Synod.

The matter of the Synod's Ministerial Pension Fund was discussed, and upon motion was tabled.

Upon motion it was decided that the condition of the Conference Mission Board be met and that the Congregation raise their portion of the pastors salary $100.00, making it $700.00 per year.

It was moved and carried that the Treasurer pay the interest on the note given to the Sundays school.

Moved and carried that the meeting adjourn.

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Secretary

Minutes of special meeting of the Memorial Ev. Luth. Congregation of Astoria, Ore. held Oct.6 1920.

The meeting was opened with scripture reading and prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was explained by the chairman, and the proposed plan of merging the First Swedish Luth. church and the Memorial English Luth. church as submitted by the meeting of the joint Boards was submitted to the congregation.

A motion was made that the proposition as refered to above be accepted. After some discussion it was considered advisable to act upon the proposition submitted by the First Swedish Luth. church in joint session with the President of the Conference on the 5th. For the reason that the said plan of merger was presented as the only one acceptable to the other parties concerned.

A motion was made, seconded and duly carried that the proposition as submitted be rejected and that the President of the Conference be duly informed of the action of the congregation.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the secretary to continue the business in hand.

Alma Dix
Secretary

Minutes of the special meeting of the Memorial Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Astoria, Ore. held Nov.3 1920.

The m eting was opened with Scripture reading and prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held Oct. 6th. were then read and aproved.

A letter from the Ministerial Pension Fund Board was then read and discussed. It was decided by motion to defer the matter of paying this congregations portion to the fund to some future time.

The pastor then presented his resignation to the congregation. After being discussed at length it was moved and carried that the action on the resignation be defered to a meeting to be held two weeks from date, At which meeting the congregation should consider the future synodical affiliation of the congregation.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Oscar Dix
Secretary

Astoria, Ore. Nov.3 1920.

To the Memorial English Lutheran Church; Peace & Grace!

Owing to the apparent inability of the Columbia Conference to support the work of the Memorial English Lutheran Congregation In its present status, I feel it to be my duty to offer my resignation to the said church, hoping that what is done may be in accordance with God's will.

This resignation to be effective at the usual expiration of three months.

Yours in Christ

Theo. F. Harder

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the American
Ev. Luth. Memorial Congregation, Held Jan.12th. 19[illegible]

After the singing of a Hymn the meeting was opened with Scripture reading and prayer.

The Sec. then read the minutes of the previous year. They were accepted as read.

The election of Secretary resulted in the reelection of Mr. Asmus Brix.

The Pastor's Report was then read and ordered spread on the minutes.

The Auditing committee then presented reports from the following treasurers; Board of Trustees, Ladies Aid, Luther League and Sunday School. Upon recommendation of the committeee the reports were accepted. and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Matt Nyland and Mr. J.P.Carlson were reelected to serve as Deacons for the ensuing two years.

Mr. A. S. Wentjar and Mr. V. Westersund were reelected t serve as Trustees for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Ernest Wentjar, Miss. Helena Westersund and Miss. Ingrid Fors were elected to serve as Auditing Committee for the year.

The matter of the future of our church was then discussed and as we have been notified by the Pres. of the Columbia Conference that the Conference could not support two churches in Astoria we felt obliged to sever our connection with them and a motion was made to do so. The same was carried by unanimous vote and attached resolution adopted.

A motion was made that the President of the Pacific Synod be invited to come to Astoria and meet with the Congregatio with a view of the Congregation joining that body.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned. The pastor dismissed the congregation with prayer and the benediction.

Signed Asmus Brix
Secretary.

'A Resolution of Withdrawal'

Whereas it appears that the Columbia Conference of the Augustana Synod of America is unable to adequately support its two churches in Astoria and feels that such support would be unwarranted inasmuch as the two churches are in a large measure duplicating the work of each other;- and as it is evident that there is no present possibility of merging the interests of the two congregations, since this congregation was organized for the purpose and still feels that its work lies in the exclusive use of the English language;- and as it further appears that our congregation will require aid in its present status for a considerable time to come, the American Ev. Luth. Memorial Congregation decides at this time to relieve the Columbia Conference of further obligation in the matter of its support by severing the existing connection between the aforesaid Congregation and Conference.

The American Ev. Luth. Memorial Congregation of Astoria, Ore. hereby declares itself entirely independent and without organic connection with any other Corporation at this time. In so doing, the Congregation desires to express its appreciation of the material support of the Columbia Conference in the past, its gratefulness for that Christian communion it has enjoyed, and to wish God's blessing upon the Columbia Conference and the Augustana Synod in all the various phases of their work in the future.

This Resolution was duly accepted and passed by the American Ev. Luth. Memorial Congregation assembled at the Annual Meeting on the evening of January 12th. 1921. by unanimous vote

signed Clemens Bix.
Secretary

Whereas the Memorial Luth. Church in Wheeling has affiliated with the Augustana Synod since the Organization of said church, and

Whereas the Augustana Synod has agreed and promised to be liable a certain sum of money, towards the pastors support; and

Whereas the said Augustana Synod has voluntarily raised and increased said amount at their last conference without request or petition on our part, in the sum of Five hundred Doll. over the former amount paid per annum, and

Whereas said Augustana Synod has utterly failed and neglected, without cause or provocation on our part, to pay their share to the Pastors needed support.

Therefore be it =

Resolved = That we the Members of said Memorial Luth = Church in Wheeling assembled =

Sever our connection and affiliation with said Augustana Synod and join and attach ourselves and Members of the Memorial Luth. Church, to another Synod, that is more willing and able to stand by their agreement keeping their promise in conformity with the Creed and belief appertaining to good Christians and especially to Brethren of the Lutheran Faith.

John Hahn.

a Member of the Memorial Lutheran Church.

[illegible] of meeting of the Board of Directors of
[illegible] Memorial Lutheran Church, [illegible] [illegible], 1[illegible].

The meeting being called to order communications to the Sec. and Pastor from the President of the Pacific Synod were read and placed before the Board for consideration.

As an early meeting of the congregation was deemed necessary, it was moved and carried that a meeting be called for Jan. 3d. at 7:00 o'clock in the evening. It was further moved and carried that the same [illegible] the regular annual business of the congregation.

The constitution recommended for congregations within the United Lutheran Church of America was read and upon motion it was recommended that the congregation adopt the same. Upon motion the Board recommended to the congregation that the official name be changed to 'Memorial Lutheran Church' or 'Luther Memorial Church'

The application blank for aid from the Board of Home Missions of the United Lutheran Church was read and proper specifications made to be presented to the congregation for approval.

Motion was [illegible] and carried that the congregation be asked to [illegible] the Common Service Book of the United Lutheran Church as soon as possible.

The Board then discussed the necessity of repairing the foundation of the church building and of altering the Chancel but no action was taken.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Signed

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Secretary

Jan. 18th. 1921

To The Ev. Luth. Memorial Congregation of Astoria, Ore.

The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be unto you!

We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. II Cor. 6; 1

The fruits of a true Christian faith are, a happier aspect [illegible] life and a fearless [illegible]

[illegible]

tempted to think as the disciples [illegible] and said 'Lord we have left everything etc. and what shall we receive in recompense?' [illegible]

the Lord's service, [illegible] wonder how God is going to adquately recompense them for their service. However, we are every one debtors to God for the grace we have received and all the service we can render here will in no wise square the account with God.

The foregoing meditation is applicable to no one in particular but every one who searches his own heart will recognize the actual presence of just this temptation of self satisfaction with his own work and dissatisfaction with the work of others and of God. If we heed the exhortation of the apostle, that we receive not the grace of God in vain, it is to work unceasingly to pay what of our debt to God that we may, regardless of what others may be doing. We are less likely to grow weary in well doing if we compare our service to God with His grace rather than compar-

[illegible] shall not go into details to report the activity in the church work of the past year as it would be but a repetition of former reports. The aux [illegible] have repeated the creditable work of previous years. The Sunday School [illegible]

[illegible]

the Luther League that it has assumed the obligation of paying [illegible]

to be a direct result of the spirit of unity and good will that has in general pervailed in all its work.

[illegible]

[illegible] has been received during the year of this amount [illegible] of church work or that the

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for funds, but in the past year there has come no complaint that any one has become poorer by giving, neither has there been any evidence of wearyness. The money that has come in has come not by drives but by free will offerings, no one has been urged to give but the opportunity has simply been offered. In fact the [illegible] yes, we have a reserve of good will both within and without the membership. The possibilities of the year ahead of us are equal or greatert than the year just past.

In membership we have not been blessed with any great gains neither have we suffered any serious loss. Before we can expect any great blessing [illegible] do within the congregation. If we could unity in spirit and action in a determination to make of our Sunday services the same success that we are able to accomplish in other things we would I am sure be surprised at the great blessings that God is waiting to shower upon us. [illegible] find that the Lord's Day will be more and more consecrated among us to the service of God in this His church. I adress each individual personally; let us endeavour to make the next year the best in every respect in the work of our church.

The record of official acts in the past year is in brief; [illegible] christian burial.

Submitted in behalf of the Church Council .

Theo. A. Jansen, Pastor.

January 10, 1921.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE MEMORIAL

LUTHERAN CHURCH

We, the auditing committee of the Memorial Lutheran Church have examined the books of the Treasurers of the Ladies Aid, Luther League, Sunday School and Trustees, and have found them correct and in accordance with the accompanying reports. We advise that the Congregation accept the reports rendered.

(Signed) Peter Pedersen

Emil Kleinsgiver

Ingrid Jorde

Report of Treasurer of the Board of Tru
of the Memorial Ev. Luth. Church.

Astoria, Ore. Jan. 10,192[illegible]

Pledge Account.

Receipts			Paid	
[illegible]	[illegible]			
Ladies Aid	125.00			
Luther League	75.00		To Pastor	$608.25
			Balance	14.25
		$622.50		622.50

Current Account.

Rec.			Paid		
Balance	$20.58		Light & Water ..	$46.91	
Offerings	134.68		Post.& Ins.	28.53	
Ladies Aid.	45.00		Wood	16.50	
[illegible]	[illegible]		Deficit	20.00	
Board of Directors	20.00		Organist	[illegible]	
Unaccounted cash .	4.30		Choir	5.00	
			Conference	65.00	
		$226.64	[illegible]	[illegible]	
			Missions	3.20	
			Interest to S. S.	2.80	
Balance Pledge Acc.		14.25	Candles	4.00	
" Current "		14.26			212.38
					14.26
Total Balance		$28.51			$226.64

Special Subscriptions.

Rec. for Furnace and Deficit to Missions.		Paid	
Subscription	$104.50	Deficit to Missions	166.58
Ladies Aid	60.00	To Furnace	82.92
Luther League	20.00		
Sunday school	25.00		$249.50
Church Treasurer	20.00		
Old Stove	10.00		
	$249.50		

Rec. for European Relief.

[illegible]	14[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	11.[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20.[illegible]
	[illegible]		

[illegible]

Report of the Treasurer of the Luther League
of the Memorial Eng. Luth. Church.

Jan. 12 th. 1921

Balance bro't forward ..	22.37		
Received from members ..	24.30	Expenses	
[illegible]	[illegible]	For Furnace	20.00
		Expens from sale	2.50
Luther League Sale	80.15	Oil Stove	4.00
	129.97	To Prof. Heller ...	5.00
		Flowers	1.00
		[illegible]	[illegible]
		Pastors Salary	75.00
			114.10
		Balance on hand	15.87
			129.97

[illegible]

Treasurer.

55 15	Feb. 9	Church light	35 00
		Florist 1.00 1.50	2 50
	May 17	Song Books 3.51 2.10	12 37
	12	Chester	7 35
	June 12	New Window Pane	2 00
		United Faith Pub.	2 20
	Aug.	Comic Ox.	4 55
		Birthday Cards	1 25
	16	Ummenway Bills	1 33 76
		Cash on hand Jan. 1 21	254 22

Annual Report
Respectfully
Mrs. Lut. Ja. S. Sewell
Corr. Secretary

[illegible]tes of the American Ev. Luth. Memorial [illegible].

The meeting was called for the purpose of meeting with the Committee elected by the Columbia Conference consisting of The Revs. C.R.Swanson, E.C.Bloomquist and C.J.Renhardt.

The meeting opened with a Hymn followed by Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. E.C.Bloomquist.

Rev. C.R.Swanson then asked Rev. Bloomquist to take carge of the meeting.

The committee asked the congregation to explain their reason for withdrawing from the Columbia Conference. Several members responded with such explination.

After a considerable discussion a motion was made by Mr. Westersund and seconded by Mr. J.P.Carlson that the Congregation withdraw its resolution of withdrawal.

After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Mahn and seconded by Mr Nyland that the motion before the congregation be tabled untill some future meeting, it was carried, by standing vote.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned to meet on Wed. evening April 13th. 1921.

signed Agnus Dix.

Secretary

Minutes of the Memorial Ev. Luth.
Congregation, held at the church April 13th. 1921.

After the singing of an Hymn and Scripture reading and Prayer the meeting was opened.

It being an adjourned meeting the question tabled on April 5th. was taken up for discussion.

After being discussed at length the question was called and a vote taken.

By the vote that resulted the 'motion that the congregation withdraw its resolution of withdrawal' was defeated.

The motion was then made that the secretary advise the Secretary of the Columbia Conference of the action taken at this meeting.

A motion was then made that the congregation adjourn to meet two weeks after the above advise had been sent to the Conference Secretary.

signed Anna Dix
Secretary

Minutes of the Memorial Ev. Luth.
Congregation held at the church April 29th. 1921.

The meeting was opened with the customary singing of a Hymn, Sripture reading and prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of April 13th. were then read and approved.

The Sec. reported that letters had been sent to the Pres. and Sec. of the Columbia Conference in accordance with the decision of the Congregation at its previous meeting, and that no answers had been received.

After some discussion it was moved and seconded and carried, there being no dissenting vote, that the Congregation petition the Pacific Synod for admission to that body; also that the Sec. be instructed to confere with the Pres. of the Pacific Synod advising him of the action of the Congregation and inviting a representative of the Synod to visit the Congregation.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

Signed Asmus Dix.

Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Memorial Ev. Luth. Congregation of Astoria, Ore.

Held June 13th. 1921.

The Board met at the call of the Pastor.

The minutes of the of the meeting of the Congregation of April 29th. were read; also a communication from the President of the Pacific Synod.

A motion was then made that the Board comply with the decision of the Congregation and forward a petition for admission to the Pacific Synod. The motion carried.

Mr. Hahn, then, wrote the petition which was signed by Mr. Brix Sec. of the Board.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

signed Asmus Brix.

secretary

Pastor's Report of the

Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church.

To the Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church of Astoria, Gre. Peace and Grace!

In I Samuel 7; 12 it is said, "That Samuel took a ~~x~~ stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

As a Congregation we have completed another cycle of time, we have come to another annual meeting from which vantage point we are accustomed to look back over the year that is past, and forward to the year that lies before us. Like Samuel of old, we must say- hitherto hath the Lord helped us, for we must confess that what blessings we have enjoyed have come to us by the grace of God. In the same spirit we may look forward to what lies before us in the assurance that He who has helped us thus far will continue to bless in the measure that we are worthy of His blessing.

In order to abreviate my report on account of the amount of business to be done this evening I will omit mentioning the activity of the Congr. in detail. Which activity is largely recorded in the reports of the several organizations.

The official acts of the pastor for the year have been as follows; baptisms 1 , Confirmations 9 , Marriage 2 couples Burials 9 , Reception of members 5 .

Respectfully submited this 3d. day of January 1922.

[illegible]

Pastor.

Minutes of the special and annual meeting of the
Memorial Lutheran Church, held Jan. 3d. 1922.

The meeting was opened with the singing of a Hymn, Scripture reading and Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Asmus Brix and Mr. Edwin Westersund were nominated for Sec., Mr. Brix was elected to serve the congregation for the ensuing year.

Then were read the Minutes of the Board of Directors for the meeting of Dec. 1921. Which compared to the congregation the special business, namely-- the adoption of a new constitution.

The constitution recommended by the United Lutheran Church in America and the recommendations to the constituent Synods was read and adopted with such alterations as noted in the accompanying copy.

The By-Laws as recommended were read and adopted with such alterations and abbreviations as noted.

The application for $500.00 aid from the Board of Home Missions as recommended by the Board of Directors was approved.

The Pastor's report for the year was then read and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The auditing committee presented the reports of the treasurers of the Board of Trustees, of the Ladies Aid, of the Luther League and of the Sunday school and recommended that they be accepted. The same was approved and the reports ordered spread upon the minutes.

Acting under the new constitution just adopted the following officers were elected for the Church Council. To serve for 3 years Mr. Matt Nyland and Mr. John Hahn; for 2 years Mr. Asmus Brix and Mr. H. F. Schulz; for one year Mr. John Christians and Mr. J.P. Carlson.

As delegate to Conference and Synod Mr. H. F. Schulz was elected with Mr. Edwin Westersund as alternate.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

Asmus Brix
Secretary.

Astoria, Oregon,

Jan. 2, 1922.

We, the undersigned, the auditing committee have examined the treasurer's books of the Trustees, Luther Barnes and Junior School and the report of the Ladies Aid and find them to be correct as submitted in the treasurer's reports. We recommend that these reports be accepted.

Ingrid Ford

Helena Westerlund

Luth. Luther League

Receipts		Expenses	
For 1921			
Cash on Hand	[illegible]	Pd. Organ Fund	$25.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	Advertising	2.25
[illegible]	[illegible]	L L Review	3.60
[illegible]	[illegible]	Postage	3.81
[illegible]	17.80	Other Expenses	8.30
" Walk out	.60	C C L Dues	4.80
Sept. Use Organ	[illegible]	Part Payment Note	79.50
Nov L L Sale	52.41	L L Pledges	60.00
		Derr Memo. Fund	2.70
		Bal. on Hand	2.28
	$192.24		$192.24

Ingrid Fox
Treas.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees
of the Memorial Lutheran Church of Astoria,
for the year 1921.

Receipts.

Balance on hand Jan. 10 1921	$ 28.50
Pledges	332.00
Special gifts	110.00
Offerings	163.04
Ladies Aid	225.00
Luther League	60.00
Unknown Cash	6.52
	$925.07

Expenses.

Paid on 1920 account	$ 91.75
Pastor's salary	700.00
Organist's salary	20.00
Light & Water	38.23
Bibles	21.11
Insurance	17.34
Wood	15.50
Attorney	10.00
Ministerial Aid	4.08
Incidentals	5.35
	923.36
Balance on hand Jan.1 1922	1.71
	925.07

Signed Fred Haland Treasurer

		Sunday School Lessons 1921	4473
	1115	Quarterlies	82
		Birthday Cards	305
		Award Pins	1218
	1120	Easter Supplies	720
	712	Postage & Express	100
		Rally Day Supplies	145
		Christmas Supplies	[illegible]
		Sundry Expenses	[illegible]
		Balance on hand 1/1/22	[illegible]
	[illegible]		

Respectfully submitted

[illegible]

[illegible] ed by singing a Hymn, Scripture reading [illegible].

[illegible] Minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved.

[illegible]. John F. Christians was then nominated and elected to serve as [illegible] of the congregation for the ensueing year.

The Pastor's Report was read and approved.

Miss. Helena Westersund presented the financial reports of the Trustees, Sunday school, Ladie's Aid and Luther League together with the Auditing Committee's report. The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mr. John F. Christians and Mr. J. P. Carlson were elected as Trustees and Deacons for a term of three years.

The auditing committee consisting of Misses. Helena Westersund and Ingeid Fors were reelected for the ensueing year.

Mr. Ed. Westersund was elected delegate to Synod with Mr. N. F. Johnls alternate.

Upon motion the Church Council was authorized to elect a financial secretary if deemed necessary.

The constitution accepted at the previous annual meeting was taken up for final consideration and was accepted by the congregation.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

signed J. F. Christians

[illegible]

Pastor

Report of the Pastor of the
Memorial Lutheran Church, Astoria, Ore. Dec. 6th. 1922

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[illegible] rock I will [illegible] it.
Matt. 16; 18

[illegible] established upon the confession that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the [illegible] eason. This is our chief inspiration and as long as our dear Lutheran church will hold fast to that ideal we may rejoice with such progress and growth as is indicated by numbers and figures, and yet remain undiscouraged by such obstacles as we find in the way.

In the eleven months past we have experienced nothing in our church activity that might be an occasion for prideor self satisfaction, However, there is that in our progress which would indicate that we are building on h the right foundation. The church services have been held regularly when the pastor has not been in attendance upon the work of the Synod. Two communion services have been held in this period which have been characterixzed by the presence of most of the faithful and the absence of most of the indifferent. There is still room for an improvement in the zeal of our membership for the Lord's Supper, for which we hope in a greater portion of the Spirit.

The Ladies Aid has continued its work during this year in the same faithful way as in years past. Its membership remains about the same in number, its financial activity is well set forth in the report of the [tr]easurer. The activity of the Luther League has deviated very little [illegible] that of former years. Some new members have been added and others have [illegible] droped from its lists, but on the whole it appears to be considerable [illegible] the League are conducting the Bible Class during the Sunday School per[illegible]. Serveral entertainments aside from the regular social meetings have [illegible] held during the year. Five delegates attended the convention of the [illegible] convention to meet for the 1923 convention in our congregation. [Th]e Sunday school reports a slight increase in attendance over the same [per]iod covered by our past report. During this time we have lost one effi[cie]nt teacher and added two to our corps of workers, which leaves us with [an] increase of one. The Brotherhood has not as yet been organized but [illegible].

[illegible], [t]wo couples married, six funerals, ten confirmed and four members re[ceived] on confession.

Respectfully submitted [signature]

Pastor

[illegible], Oregon.
[illegible], 1[illegible]

[illegible] de[illegible].

[illegible] undersigned, auditing committee have examined the books of [illegible] accompaning reports. We recommend that these reports be [illegible].

Submitted by

Ingrid Fors

Helena Westersund

Committee

[illegible] Report of Treasurer of [illegible] Sunday School

Receipts

Balance on hand [illegible]		
Sunday School Offerings		
Mrs. Harden (for [illegible] paper)		
[illegible]		
Easter Offering		
Birthday Offering		

Expenses

43	89	Jan.	Candy & Nuts
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mar. 20	Guard Pins
	[illegible]	Apr.	Easter Music & Supplies
6	10		Duplicator & ribbon
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Teachers [illegible] Primary
4	90	June	Baseball League
			Easter Candy
			Sunday School Party
			Picnic Expenses
		Nov.	[illegible] Supplies & Postage
			Boys' Club
			Night Bulbs
			[illegible] Wrappers
			Augusta & Rock Springs Bibles
		Dec.	Stamps for Birthday [illegible]
			Balance on hand Dec. [illegible]

League

Expenses

L L Review	2.00
C C L Capita Tax	7.50
Postage	2.50
Miscellaneous	26.50
L L Pledge	75.00
Bal. on Hand	20.08
$133.68	$133.68

Bal. on Hand $20.08

Bills Payable

Note and Interest $79.50.

Ingrid Fox
Treas.

[illegible] Memorial Lutheran Church of Ast[illegible], [illegible].
[illegible]

RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
[illegible]	1.71	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pledges	364.01	Organist	5.00
Plate ..Offerings	154.32	Light & Water	38.94
Ladies Aid	175.00	Insurance	8.00
Luther League	75.00	Wood	5.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	Incidentals	1.
Cash - unaccounted for	9.50	Delegates Exp.	10.00
		Benevolence	162.00
	787.04	Envelopes	20.65
BANK BOOK BALANCE	$71.35		715.69
		Balance -	71.35
			[illegible]

DEFICITS
to Apportionment $36.00
Salaries 185.00 $221.00

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CHURCH REPAIR FUND -

Receipts		Disbursements	
Be Subscriptions	317.00	To Church Books	12.69
		Permit	1.00
		100 Bricks	2.00
		Plastering	19.50
		Paint & Oil	39.10
		Painting	76.50
		Plumbing	7.35
		Astoria Sign Co.	5.00
		Lumber	36.35
Assets			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		117.[illegible]
[illegible]	57.50	Liability	[illegible]
Balance	117.51	Bill payable	171.80

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CHURCH BOOK ACCOUNT

[illegible]	16.20	Expense	
[illegible]	[illegible].69	24 Small Books	22.80
		2 books with music	3.20
	28.89	Express	2.89
			28.89

[illegible] Treas.

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting
of the
Memorial Lutheran Congregation of Astoria, Ore.
Held December 5th. 1923.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn No. 241, Scripture reading and prayer followed by a short address by Rev. L. B. Cook.

Mr. A. F. Christians was reelected to the office of Secretary for the ensueing year.

The Pastor's report was then read and upon motion entered upon the minutes.

The activity of The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society was reported by the president Mrs. John Fuhrman. The assistant superintendent of the Sunday School, Miss. Victoria Westersund, gave a general report of the Sunday School's activity for the year.

Miss. Helena Westersund presented the report of the auditing committee together with the financial reports of the Church Council, Ladies Aid, Sunday School, and Luther League as herewith attached. The report was accepted.

The out going members of The Church Council Mr. Lewis Fuhrman and Mr. M. C. Dowell were upon motion reelected to serve for a term of three years.

Upon motion Miss. Helena Westersund and Miss. Ingrid Fors were elected to serve as Auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. M. C. Dowell was elected to represent the congregation at Synod and conference with Mr. Matt Nyland as alternate.

The action of the Church Council in electing Miss. Agnes Thorsen as Financial Secretary was ratified.

The congregation by motion expressed its gratitude to Mrs. L. M. Harder for the special gift of $100.00 to the Church.

The Church Council reported a Budget for the year 1924, the same was upon motion adopted by the congregation. [illegible]

Pastor's salary . . .	$800.00	Envelopes	$ 12.00
Janitor	60.00	Books and Bibles .	15.00
[illegible]	25.00	Incidentals	25.00
[illegible]	10.00	Improvements. . . .	50.00
[illegible], Water and Fuel.	[illegible]	[illegible] .	[illegible]
		Total	1282.00

It was decided to hold an every member canvass in the congregation on Dec. 9th.

There being no other business the meeting was upon motion adjourned.

Clerk _____

PASTOR'S REPORT.

Dec. 5th. 1926

To The Memorial Ev. Luth. Congregation, Astoria, Ore.

Grace and Peace! In Philippians 4; 11-12 Paul says-

If by any means I might attain unto the resurection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

There are many byproducts in church activity, such as sociability and fellowship, education and culture, moral and ethical betterment, material prosperity etc. but while these all emphasize the richness of the blessings God bestows upon Christian service they do not constitute the chief blessing. Paul says, 'that I might attain unto the resurection of the dead'. It is the church's chief duty to awaken within ourselves and those we seek to serve the realization of the fact of eternity and it is the blessed previlage of the church to point out to every one the way to that blessed and sure hope of the resurection of the dead. Once a soul becomes conscious of eternity and the way of eternal life through Jesus Christ there is surely no need of urging and begging that one to give their reasonable service to the Master. It was this hope that impelled Paul to give his all, what part of ourselves have actually expended in the service of Christ?

Like Paul, we as a Congregation must confess, only in a larger measure, that we have not already attained, neither are already perfect; but we follow after, if that we may apprehend.

I do not think that the past year has been without blessings, in fact I am sure that the Spirit of God is manifested in the church. We have not made as much progress as we would have liked to do but may we not believe that we have made preparation for a more abundant out pouring of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing in the past years experience to cause us to feel dejected or discouraged, though there is still much in the life of the cong. to cause us to feel dissatisfied and to strive and follow after our Lord.

It is notable that those who have served most are the most hopefull and optomistic. Therefore, if any one desires to get a larger view and bigger vision of the possibilities of the Kingdom's progress in our congregation let him them spend more of themselves in the Master's service and the vision will come.

I will not review the work of the various auxiliaries societies as they will report for themselves.

The Church Council has met from time to time as occasion as required to transact the necessary business of the cong.

The death angel has visited our midst and called from among us Mr. and Mrs. John Mann, while we regret this dispensation of God we thank Him for the service that His servants were permited to render to His Kingdom in times past.

Again there has been losses by removal and otherwise which have off set the ~~[illegible]~~ accessions leaving the membership about the same as a year ago.

During the year a class of eight young people were received by confirmation. Two communicants were received upon renewal of confession.

First children have received the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

I have officiated at four burials and have solemnized five marriages.

Respectfully submitted

Theo A. Jansen Pastor

Astoria, Oregon.
Dec. 4th. 1923

Report of the Auditing Committee.

The undersigned, auditing committee have examined the books of the treasurer of the Board of Trustees, the Ladies Aid, The Luther League and the Sunday school and find them to be correct as submitted by the accompaning reports. We recommend that these reports be accepted.

Submitted by

Ingrid Fors

Irene Westerund

Committee

Report of Treasurer of the Board of Trustees
of the Memorial Ev. Luth. Church, for 1923
ending Dec. 31.

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1 1923	37.36
Pledges and offerings	$684.94
Ladies Aid	175.00
Foreign Mission Forward-fund	35.00
Loose offerings	15.32
For World Service . . .	15.00
Queen Louise Lodge . .	18.00
For Near East Relief .	8.63
J. P. Carlson for books	12.00
Received on 1922 account	50.00
	~~1036.25~~
	1051.25

Additional receipts
Mrs. L.W. Marier for property fund $100.00

Expenditures

Pastors Salary . . .	$663.00
Organist 1922	20.00
Organist . 1923	20.00
Janitor	20.25
Apportionment	109.00
F. M. F. Fund	35.00
World service & Near East	23.63
General expenses	127.50
	1018.38
Balance on Hand	32.87
	1036.25

Accounts Receivable
1923

Luther League	$ 75.00
Pledges(Estimate) . . .	80.00
Delinquent pledges . .	100.00
	255.00

Accounts Payable
1923

Salaries	
Pastors	37.00
Organist	6.00
Janitor	10.00
Apportionment	107.00
Incidentals(estimated)..	10.00
	169.00
1922 deficit	235.00
Total	404.00

Treasurer

Annual Report of Zadie Clid
Memorial Lutheran Church [illegible]

Receipts		
Jan 1	1922 Balance	121.11
Jan		8.05
Dec 1922		3.58
Feb.		4.65
[illegible]		[illegible]
Oct.		7.50
Nov		5.75
June		5.20
[illegible]		6.60
Aug.		5.60
Sept		4.00
Oct		7.30
Nov.		6.75
May 19	[illegible]	1.80
Oct 12	Annual [illegible]	[illegible]
		127.29
		238.11
		359.88

Expenses		
Jan 3	Flowers (Mothers)	1.00
Feb 24	Pastors Salary	100.00
Jan	[illegible]	1.15
[illegible]	Budget	1.92
[illegible]	Mission Fund (delegates exp.)	5.00
[illegible]	Installment of Dues	20.00
Sept 18	Pastor's salary	75.00
Nov 10	Astoria	1.20
Nov 10	Budget	1.44
		210.71
Balance on hand		149.17

Annual Report - Mem. Luth. Sunday School

Receipts

Cash on hand Dec. 1, 22	1465	
Sunday Offerings	9111	
Christmas Offering	1000	
Easter Offering	1632	
Sunday School Cards	25	
Contributions - Appleton		
Entertainment Fund		232

Expenses

Xmas Candy & Nuts	754	
Boys Girls Booklets	801	
Light & Luth. Pub. House	6975	
Strappers	75	
Easter Expenses	1292	
Seminary	1000	
Gas Stove	2000	
Picnic Expenses	470	
Utility Chief Librarian	[illegible]	
Contribution for Orphanage		
Balance in hand Dec. 1, 1923		[illegible]

Respectfully submitted

Andrew [illegible]

Annual Report of Treas.

Mother League 1923.

Receipts

1923	$
[illegible]	20.25
[illegible]	35.50
[illegible]	9.64
Additional [illegible]	.15
[illegible]	11.45
[illegible]	34.97
	143.91

Expenses

Refreshments	
[illegible]	29.5[illegible]
[illegible]	5.10
[illegible]	6.85
[illegible]	7.50
	52.05
Balance on hand	91.86
	143.91

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Figure

Receipt	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

WHAT - WE - DID in 1923.

1	Helped	1.20	eekly	62.00
1		1.00		52.00
1		.72		36.00
4	"	.50	"	104.00
3		.42		62.00
2		.42		84.00
11	"	.25		143.00
4	"	.20	"	41.00
15.	"	.15	"	116.00
13	"	.10	"	67.00
8	"	.05	"	20.00
24		00		00.00
99				989.00
	Dallas			171.00
	Other Charge			48.00
				989.00

Missions

25	"	.05	65.00	
14		10	72.00	
1		.15	7.00	144.00
				1133

Treasurer's Condition.

Cash	35.84	---1923 ---- ---	
			17.00
	153.41		153.41
Delinquent 1923	100.00		

			141.17
	255.00 ☆	Incidentals	10.00
			167.67
		Deficit	83.79
			251.46

☆ approximate asset.

[illegible] for 1924.

Pastor's Salary	$800.00
Janitor	60.00
Organist	25.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	12.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Improvements	50.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	~~[illegible]~~ 1290.00

Minutes of the special meeting of the
Second Baptist Church, [illegible]

Victoria Oct. [illegible]

The meeting was opened by reading scripture
and prayer.

The minutes of the previous
meeting were then read and approved.

This meeting of the church of Christ was
called for the purpose of hearing the report
of the committee appointed on the part of the
church to the General Board of Church [illegible]
for a grant - [illegible] and recommended that
bids should be let for the improvements.

There being no other business the meeting
was adjourned with prayer.

signed J. F. Chambers
Sec.

[illegible]

Held Jan. 20th 1881

[illegible]

[illegible]

and on motion adjd.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] report was read and on motion

[illegible]

[illegible] pointed King: Mr. P. P. Parsons

[illegible]

[illegible] for incorporation committee

[illegible]

[illegible] resolutions.

[illegible] was received as trustee

[illegible] year.

[illegible] Ald as member of the

[illegible] in place of the late

[illegible] death of Mr. Jones.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] alone having been also

[illegible]

[illegible] passed by the board magnet

[illegible]

[illegible]

Atte.

Annual Report [illegible]

Dec	1923 1	Cash on hand	66	91	1923 Christmas Supplies	13	06
	30	Christmas Offering	13	63	Teacher's Training Books		90
	1924				1924 Sun. School Supplies	56	14
Apr.	20	Easter Offering	10	04	Postage	1	50
Dec.	25	Christmas Offering	13	00	Junior League Supplies	1	25
		Sunday Offerings	[illegible]		Foreign Missions	1	15
		Received for Missionaries	1	50	Easter Supplies	6	58
					Floral Spray	3	00
					Bible	2	18
					Mission Study Books	[illegible]	90
					Primary Supplies	6	58
					Rally Day Supplies	2	15
					Express Primary Books	1	12
					1924 Christmas Supplies	15	77
					1925 Supplies	30	96
			[illegible]			[illegible]	

Respectfully submitted

Victoria Hector

Memorial English Lutheran Church

ASTORIA, OREGON
R. H. TROJAN, PASTOR
646 ALAMEDA AVE.

January 26th, 1925

Dearly Beloved,

I arrived in Astoria on the 28th of May. And took charge June 1st. 1924.

I have preached 34 sermons of which three were funeral sermons, made one speech, buried three persons, baptized two children, received into membership five adults and made ninety-six calls of which twenty-four were sick calls.

Hoping that God may bless our church in the future

I am yours in Christ Jesus

R. H. Trojan

A meeting of the Church Council was held at the Memorial English Lutheran Church on the evening of October Fourth 1924.

The meeting was called to order and then the pastor lead with Scripture reading and Prayer.

The topic for discussion was a desirable location for a church property. The Wood's property on Fourteenth and Grand was considered too high. The location on Twelfth and Irving was then taken into consideration and after due deliberation was accepted unanimously, the property in question was to be purchased by Mrs. Christine Brix and then turned over to the Church for a new church home.

Those present were: Mr. M. Nyland, Mr. V. Westersund, Mr. J. P. Carlson, Mr. J. F. Christians, Dr. G. H. Hillerman and Pastor K. H. Trojan.

J. F. Christians

Secretary

Treasurer Report for year 1925

	Receipts	
Jan 7th	Balance on hand	$140.38
[illegible]	[illegible]	4.60
Feb 11th	Aid " Mrs Schulz	6.75
March 4th	" " Mrs Grimsted	5.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	3.30
[illegible]	[illegible] for 24	10.50
April 1st	Aid Meeting Mrs Verchuren	7.50
May 6th	" " Mrs Wicks	8.35
May 6th	Cooking sale	43.82
[illegible]	Silver Leaf Church Bonnet	19.25
July 8th	Mrs Westerson aid meeting	7.30
Aug 5th	aid meeting Church Parlor	7.00
Sept 2nd	aid meeting Mrs V Carlson	7.75
Oct 7th	" " Mrs W Carlson	6.10
July	Donation sale in Tract Cooking	2.00
Oct 29th	Annual sale	174.47
Nov 3rd	aid Voss & Christians	5.70
Nov 19th	Mrs Wyland articles sold after sale	3.50
Dec 5th	Home Cooking sale	30.25
Dec 10th	Mrs P Carlson aid sale	3.90
	total	$553.84
		324.08
		$229.76
Feb 28th	[illegible]	32
Aug 31st	Interest	42
	Donation	30
		$230.80
		108
Jan 5th 1926	Balance in Bank	$231.88

$231.88

	Expenses	
[illegible]	[illegible] paid	$13.[illegible]
March 16	" "	30.00
April 2	" "	18.00
April 2	Ice Cream	4.0[illegible]
June 15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sept 4	Pastors Salary	75.00
Nov 6	Mrs Fuhrmann advertising	.60
1926 Jan 5	[illegible]	.4[illegible]
	Total	$324.08

60 ¢ Check No 58
48 ¢ Check No 59
$108 not drawn at date

Mrs F Hermann

[illegible]

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moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

It was moved and second[ed] that [illegible]

[illegible] standing bills [illegible]

[illegible]

on the members of th[e] [illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible] of officers [illegible]

[illegible]

A special meeting of the [illegible] of the [illegible] Baptist Church [illegible] held in the church [illegible] on the evening of [illegible]

[illegible] present: [illegible]

The meeting was opened by reading [illegible] and prayer.

This meeting was [illegible] called [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meetings [illegible] of the [illegible]

On motion it was moved and seconded that meetings be held on the evening of the last Friday of each month.

[illegible] being the [illegible] and [illegible] of the [illegible].

A motion was made by [illegible] [illegible] authorized to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

This motion was unanimously carried.

[illegible] made a [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] On motion it was moved and seconded that [illegible] [illegible]

There being no other business it was moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned followed by the [illegible] prayer.

[illegible]
Sec.

[illegible]

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
April 1st	[illegible]	10.[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May 6th	" " Mrs Wicks	8.35	Nov 6 Mrs Fuhrmann Advertising	.60
May 6th	Cooking sale	43.82	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Silver Leaf [illegible]	19.25	Total	$[illegible]
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Aug 5th	aid meeting Church Parlor	7.00		
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Oct 7th	" " Mrs W Carlson	6.10		
July	Donation sale [illegible] cooking	22.00		
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Nov 3rd	aid Voss & Christians	5.70		
Nov 19th	Mrs Wyland articles sold after sale	3.50		
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Aug 31st	[illegible]	42		
	[illegible]	0		
		230.80	60 c Check No 58	
		108	[illegible]	
Jan 8th 720	Balance in Bank	$231.88	$108 not drawn at date	
	$231.88			

Mrs J Hermann

1926

Jan [illegible] [illegible] $7.[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] $81.16

Jan 5th 1926 on Hand in Bank $231.88
[illegible] received Ladies aid .85
Total $239.73

[illegible] 177.86
$ 59.87 [illegible]

Jan 19th 1926

Mary Armann [illegible]

[illegible] Report [illegible]

Credits

[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Offering	[illegible]
[illegible] Offering	[illegible]
Rally Day "	12 11
Sunday School tickets	7 25
Christmas Offering	[illegible]
Birthday Offering	[illegible]
	179 82

[illegible] Sunday School 1905

Debits

[illegible]	345
[illegible]	17
Sunday School [illegible]	4 [illegible]
[illegible]	15 [illegible]
[illegible]	441
[illegible] Confirmation [illegible]	1 50
Sunday School tickets	[illegible]
Christmas Supplies	15 49
[illegible] "	[illegible]
[illegible]	1 34
[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]

[illegible] submitted

Victoria Westwood

[illegible]

Minutes of a meeting of the church council of the Memorial Lutheran Church, held May 5, 1926 in the church basement.

Present were Mrs. Fuhrman, Schulz, Nyland, Westersund, and Wicks. Meeting was opened by the Rev. Trojan with scripture reading and prayer.

No minutes of the previous meeting were read, as Secretary Christians was absent.

The Presbyterian Church of this city made a proposal to the Memorial Lutheran Church to buy the present Presbyterian Church, including such furniture as the benches and the organ. The church council decided that it would not be to the best advantage for the church to buy this old structure and the proposal was rejected.

The church basement is in need of painting and it was decided by the members to donate the labor for this much needed improvement.

Rev. Trojan reported that the Pacific Synod was willing to consider a consolidation of the Lutheran churches in Astoria. After this vital question had been considered from all angles, a motion was made, seconded and passed to call a meeting of the three church boards; namely, the Memorial Lutheran Church, the First Lutheran Church, and the Norwegian Lutheran Church, to consider and find ways whereby the three churches would be united into one Lutheran Church.

Treasurer Schulz was on motion authorized to draw money from the bank to pay for fire insurance on the church property. From_____ to_____.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned.

J. E. Wicks
Sec. Pro-Tem.

Astoria, Ore. March 3,1927

The Rev. Prof. P.W.H. Frederick, D.D.
4300 E.45th Street
Seattle,Wash.

SIR:

The Rev. and Mrs. R.H.Trojan left Astoria and The Memorial Lutheran Church about 10 days ago and at a meeting of the Church Board I was informally asked to communicate this to you.

Not knowing your intentions in regard to this church,but hoping that we will be able to work in co-operation for the best interest of the Lutheran Church in America and particularlly for the Lutheran Church in Astoria. To this end, we wish an expression from you as to your stand and good will towards the Congregation of this Church.

With sincere wishes for your success.I remain

Yours very truly

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